

# HANUKKAH TRIVIA FUN!

\*To find the answers, read *Light the Menorah! A Hanukkah Handbook* written by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Kristina Swarner

- 1. How many candles are needed to celebrate all eight nights?
  - a. 64
  - **b.** 44
  - c. 36

# 2. In what order do we light the candles?

- a. From left to right
- b. From right to left
- c. It doesn't matter

#### 3. What do the letters "Nun, Gimmel, Hey, Shin" stand for?

- a. A Great Miracle Happened Here
- b. A Great Miracle Happened There
- c. Great Miracles Happen Everywhere

#### 4. When did the custom of dreidel playing begin?

- a. During the time of the Maccabees
- b. In Europe, centuries after the Maccabees
- c. No one knows for sure

# 5. What time should you light the candles?

- a. Fifteen minutes before sunset
- b. Any time after sunset, except on Friday nights
- c. Exactly forty-five minutes after sunset

# 6. When does Hanukkah occur?

- a. The 25<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Kislev
- b. The 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei
- c. The 18<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Cheshvan

# 7. Where is the story of Hanukkah recorded?

- a. The Torah (Five Books of Moses)
- b. An ancient text called the Apocrypha
- c. The Book of Isaiah (Latter Prophets)





- 8. In a famous battle, the Maccabees faced soldiers riding which animal?
  - a. Elephants
  - b. Camels
  - c. Horses
- 9. What was Judah Maccabee's nickname?
  - a. The Rock
  - b. The Tornado
  - c. The Hammer
- 10. Who was Mattathias?
  - a. The man who found the cruse of oil
  - b. The father of the Maccabees
  - c. The rabbi who wrote down the story of Hanukkah
- 11. What does the word "Hanukkah" mean in Hebrew?
  - a. Dedication
  - b. Light
  - c. Faith
- 12. According to legend, why does Hanukkah last eight days?
  - a. Because that's how long the little cruse of oil burned
  - b. Because the Maccabees were celebrating a delayed Sukkot
  - c. Because the Temple Menorah had eight branches
- 13. The Maccabees were asked to bow down to
  - a. Roman gods
  - b. Greek gods
  - c. Persian gods
- 14. What was the name of the cruel king in the Hanukkah story?
  - a. King Ahasuerus
  - b. King Nebuchadnezzar
  - c. King Antiochus
- 15. Name two women associated with the Hanukkah story.
  - a. Judith and Hannah
  - b. Ruth and Naomi
  - c. Deborah and Rachel

