

Chanukah - Question & Answer Sheet

- 23 What is the Hebrew date of Chanukah?
25th Kislev
כה' בכסלו
- 1 In which period of Jewish History did Chanukah take place?
The 2nd Temple period.
במהלך תקופת בית המקדש השני
- 20 Which nation made evil decrees against the Jews forbidding them to practice mitzvot?
The Greeks.
היוונים
- 18 Which mitzvot were outlawed by the Greek Empire?
Sanctification of the New Moon, Shabbos and Circumcision (Brit Milah)
קידוש החודש, שבת, וברית המילה
- 4 What did the Greeks do inside the Temple when they conquered Jerusalem?
They smashed the Holy Items, defiled all that was ritually pure & set up an idol.
הם ניפצו כלי הקודש, הם טמאו את כל מה שהיה טהור, והעמידו פסל בהיכל
- 9 Which Jews fought successfully against the Greek army?
The Hasmoneans, the house of the Kohanim Gedolim.
בית חשמונאי, גדולי הכהנים
- 13 On which day of Chanukah did Israel defeat their enemies?
On the first day of Chanukah.
ביום הראשון של חנוכה
- 25 How many jugs of ritually pure olive oil were found in the Temple by the Kohanim?
Only one.
רק אחד
- 16 Why were the Kohanim searching the Temple for pure olive oil?
They needed ritually pure olive oil to re-light the Menorah.
הם היו זקוקים לשמן זית טהור להדליק מחדש את המנורה
- 2 How many days was the one jug of olive oil expected to last for?
One day.
יום אחד
- 11 How many days did the one jar of olive oil keep the Menorah lit for?
8 days.
שמונה ימים
- 3 Why do we celebrate Chanukah for 8 days?
One day for the victory over the Greeks, and another 7 days for the miracle of the oil.
יום אחד לנצחון הצבאי על היוונים, ועוד שבעה לנס פח השמן
- 12 What is the 25th word of the Book of Genesis in the Torah and hints to Chanukah?
Light.
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- 19 What was the 25th encampment of Bnei Yisrael during their 40 year journey in the desert which hints to Chanukah?
Chashmonah.
חשמנה
- 17 Outside of Israel, the letters on the dreidel are נ, ג, ה and ש. What do they stand for?
Nes Gadol Hayah Sham. A great miracle happened THERE.
נס גדול היה שם
- 5 In Israel, the letters on the dreidel are נ, ג, ה and פ. What do they stand for?
Nes Gadol Hayah Poh. A great miracle happened HERE.
נס גדול היה פה
- 15 What is the ideal time when the Chanukah lights should be lit?
Between sunset and when the stars appear.
משקיעה עד צאת הכוכבים
- 24 What is the minimum amount of time that the Chanukah lights should burn for?
A half hour.
חצי שעה
- 21 The Chanukah lights may only be used for what purpose?
To fulfill the mitzvah of publicizing the great miracle of Chanukah.
כדי למלא את מצוות פרסום הנס הגדול של חנוכה
- 8 What is the purpose of the extra candle called the Shamash?
The Shamash is used to light each of the Chanukah candles.
בכדי להדליק את נרות החנוכה
- 22 Where should the Chanukah lights be kindled?
In the entrance of the home or in a window facing the street.
בכניסה לבית או בחלון הפונה לרחוב
- 10 Which blessings are recited on the first night?
The blessing for the lights, the blessing for the miracles and She-hecheyanu.
להדליק נר חנוכה, על הניסים, שהחיינו
- 6 Which blessings are recited on the second and all subsequent nights?
The blessing for the lights and the blessing for the miracles.
להדליק נר חנוכה ועל הניסים
- 7 What foods are traditionally served after lighting the Chanukah?
Foods cooked with oil such as Potato Latkes and Sufganiot.
לביבות תפוחי אדמה, וסופגניות בגלל השמן
- 14 On Friday before Shabbos, are the Shabbos candles lit first or the Chanukah candles?
The Chanukah candles are lit first and then the Shabbos candles.
נרות החנוכה ולאחר מכן נרות שבת