



## The Dreidel Game

Chanukah symbolises the miracle of light,  
The one-day supply of oil in the temple burnt for 8 days after the Maccabeas  
defeat of the Greeks

On each side of a dreidel there is the Hebrew letter nun (נ), gimmel (ג), hay (ה)  
or shin (ש) which represents the first letters of “Nes Gadol Hayah Sham”,  
meaning “A great miracle happened there”.

During Chanukah the dreidel game is played across the world and here are  
the instructions of how to join in this global tradition:

1. Players divide the jellybeans into an equal quantity and sit around in a circle.
2. Each player starts by betting 2 pieces and then take turns to spin the dreidel.  
Depending on the side it falls will decide on the action players take:
  - If your dreidel lands on nun (נ), you forfeit your turn and the next player spins.
  - If your dreidel lands on gimmel (ג), you win all the pieces in the pot,  
and all the players put in two pieces again.
  - If your dreidel lands on hay (ה), you collect half the pieces in the pot.  
(If an odd number then take half plus one)
  - If your dreidel lands on shin (ש), you put one piece into the pot.
3. When you have no pieces left you are out and when a player has acquired  
all pieces they have won that round and the game starts over again

