



# HOW TO PLAY DREIDEL

## Things Needed:

A dreidel (a four-sided spinning top)

Game pieces (usually gelt, which are chocolate coins, but can also be real coins, nuts, raisins, or other small items)

## The Dreidel

Each side of the dreidel bears a letter of the Hebrew alphabet:

**Nun** (נ): Stands for "Nes" (miracle)

**Gimmel** (ג): Stands for "Gadol" (great)

**Hey** (ה): Stands for "Haya" (was)

**Shin** (ש): Stands for "Sham" (there) – in Israel, the fourth side is "Pey (פ)", standing for "Po" (here), changing the phrase to "A great miracle happened here."

## Setting Up

Each player starts with an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15).

At the beginning of each round, every player puts one piece into the "pot" in the center.

## Playing the Game

**Taking Turns:** Players take turns spinning the dreidel. When the dreidel stops spinning, the side that's facing up determines the player's action.

## Actions Based on the Dreidel's Side:

Nun (נ): The player does nothing.

Gimmel (ג): The player gets everything in the pot.

Hey (ה): The player gets half of the pot. (If there's an odd number of pieces, they round up.)

Shin (ש) / Pey (פ): The player adds one piece to the pot.

Refilling the Pot: If the pot is empty or has only one piece left, every player adds one piece to the pot.

**Winning:** The game continues until one player has won all the pieces.