

NOT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THE DREIDEL GAME INSTRUCTION SHEET

Hanukkah celebrates Jewish perseverance in the face of persecution by the Greeks. In many ways, the story of Hanukkah parallels the experience of refugees around the world.

Dreidel is a traditional Hanukkah game where players spin a four-sided top with a different Hebrew character on each side:



NUN



GIMEL



HEY



SHIN

When these letters are combined they form an acronym for Nes Gadol Haya Sham, meaning, "A great miracle has happened there." This refers to the Hanukkah miracle where a lamp with one night's oil burned for eight nights. In a traditional game of dreidel, each letter indicates the amount of money, or gelt, you put in or take away from the pot during the game.

Our dreidel game is a little different.

RULES

1

Spin the dreidel. With each spin, the dreidel lands with a side facing up that has one of four letters: nun, gimel, hey, or shin.

2

Pick a card from the deck that matches the letter on the dreidel.

3

Each card will feature a fact on the refugee crisis and how you can help. Read your card aloud to the group and start a discussion.

4

Then, follow the rules for the letter you spun:



Nun is for nothing.
You lose a turn.



Hey is for half.
You get half the coins in the middle.



Gimel means great.
You get all the coins in the middle!



Shin means "put one in."
Add one of your coins into the middle.

5

Take turns spinning the dreidel until all of the cards have been read.





SHIN

PUT ONE IN

There over **60 million** displaced people world-wide. That is more than four times the number of Jews across the globe.



SHIN

PUT ONE IN

One in every **122 people** on the planet has been forced to flee his/her home or country due to violence or persecution.



SHIN

PUT ONE IN

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, provides shelter, food, water, medical care and other life-saving assistance to refugees around the world who were forced to flee.



SHIN

PUT ONE IN

Did you know there is an observance called **World Refugee Day**? It is a global celebration to get people engaged in helping refugees. **What kind of traditions would you create for World Refugee Day?**



SHIN

PUT ONE IN

During the eight days of Hanukkah, more than **340,000 new people** will be forced to flee their homes.



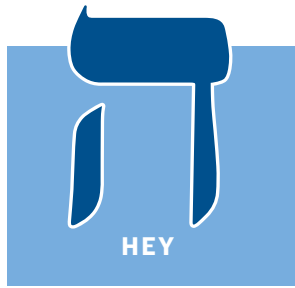
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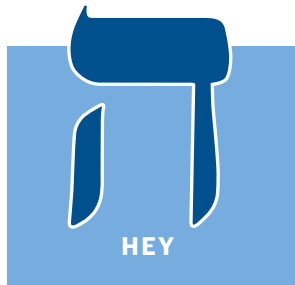
TAKE HALF

More than half of the refugees around the world are children. 38% are children 11 years old and younger. What do you think kids can do to help refugees?



TAKE HALF

More than half of all Jews live in Israel or the United States. Similarly, more than half of all refugees worldwide come from just three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia.



TAKE HALF

Only half of all elementary school-aged refugee children attend school.



TAKE HALF

There are more than 19.5 million refugees around the world. This is more than three times the number of Jews in the United States.



TAKE HALF

Hanukkah is about spreading light and warmth. As it gets colder, the UN Refugee Agency's winterization efforts bring light and warmth to those living in refugee camps.



TAKE HALF



TAKE HALF



GIMEL

TAKE ALL

Refugees come from countries all over the world. We all hear about Syrian refugees, but there are also **people fleeing from Central America, Ukraine, Africa and Asia** every day.



GIMEL

TAKE ALL

In 2015, more than **900,000 people** from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Eritrea and other countries, have crossed the Mediterranean and Aegean seas to find refuge in Europe.



GIMEL

TAKE ALL

UNHCR offers three **long-term solutions for refugees**: going back to their home country once it is safe; settling permanently in the country to which they fled; or resettling in a third country when it is impossible to go home or remain in the host country.



GIMEL

TAKE ALL

The recent civil war in Ukraine has forced more than **1.5 million people** to flee their homes. **More than 7,500 Jews**, who once lived in the area now controlled by the separatists, are among them.



GIMEL

TAKE ALL

Just like the Maccabees in the Hanukkah story, who overcame overwhelming odds to save their lives and their religious beliefs, refugees today risk everything for a chance of safety and security for their family. **What else do Jews have in common with refugees?**



GIMEL

TAKE ALL



GIMEL

TAKE ALL



NUN

GET NOTHING

42,500 new people are forced to flee every day. That's more than the entire Jewish population of Miami.



NUN

GET NOTHING

The UN Refugee Agency was formed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1950 to help World War II refugees find new homes.



NUN

GET NOTHING

A refugee is someone who is forced to flee due to war, conflict or persecution and cross a border into a new country to find safety. An internally displaced person is someone who is forced to flee to a different place within his or her home country due to war, conflict or persecution.



NUN

GET NOTHING

If you were forced to flee your home, what one item would you take with you?



NUN

GET NOTHING

Just like a lot of refugees, the Maccabees and Jews in the Hanukkah story were targeted because of who they were as people. How can we stand up for people who are being persecuted because of who they are?



NUN

GET NOTHING



NUN

GET NOTHING