

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.



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