

Hanukkah Trivia Questions for Young Children

How many nights does Hanukkah last for?

8

How many blessings are said on the first night of Hanukkah?

3

Are the Hanukkah candles lit from right to left or left to right?

Right to left

What is the name for money given as presents during the Jewish festival of Hanukkah?

Gelt

What colors are associated with Hanukkah?

Blue, white, and sometimes silver

What type of cooking is traditionally used in preparing dishes for Hanukkah?

Frying

What American holiday does Hanukkah sometimes overlap with?

Thanksgiving

Which Hanukkah toy was used as a decoy after learning the Torah was outlawed?

The dreidel

What is Shamash?

The first candle of the menorah used to light the other candles

What is the name of the round jelly doughnuts served at Hanukkah?

Sufganiyot

True or False: Gift giving is a longstanding Hanukkah tradition.

False

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Which day of the week can Hanukkah NOT begin on?

Tuesday

Latkes, or potato pancakes, are a traditional food served at Hanukkah. Before latkes were made of potatoes, what were they primarily made of?

Cheese

How many different ways can "Hanukkah" be spelled?

There are 16 variations on the spelling of Hanukkah

What does the word "Hanukkah" translate to?

"Inauguration" in English and "Dedication" in Hebrew

Which act is prohibited during the eight nights of Hanukkah?

Fasting

Who was the first U.S. president to light a menorah?

Bill Clinton

Which oil is traditionally used to light the menorah?

Olive oil

What are the names of the Heroines of Torah Study?

Hannah and Judith

How many times is Hanukkah mentioned in the Torah?

Zero

What is the name of the astronaut who celebrated Hanukkah in outer space?

Jeff Hoffman

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How tall is the national menorah in Washington DC?

30 feet high

What is the actual name of the object Jewish people light on Hanukkah?

(NOT a menorah!)

A hanukkiah, a lamp with nine branches

Some speculate that the first Hanukkah was actually a delayed celebration for what other Jewish holiday?

Sukkot

Hanukkah is known as The Festival of Lights. What other title is it sometimes given?

The Festival of Dedication