

## Dreidel Symbolism and Game

### What are the 4 symbols on a dreidel?

The Hebrew letters inscribed on a dreidel are  
Nun, Gimel, Hey and Shin.

The letters form an acronym for the Hebrew saying  
Nes Gadol Hayah Sham,  
which can be translated to  
"a great miracle happened there," referring to  
the miracle around which Chanukah is centred.

### The Dreidel Game

#### Materials:

- gelt (pennies, beans or other small objects)
- dreidel



#### How to Play:

- Each player puts one piece of gelt in the center or in the "pot"
- Players take turns spinning the dreidel.
- Players do what the letter on the dreidel indicates. See chart for example, if the player lands on gimel, he takes everything from the pot.
- If the pot becomes empty, all players add one piece of gelt to the pot.
- If a player runs out of gelt, he loses.
- If a player ends up with all the gelt, she wins!



נ

nun  
none

do nothing

ג

gimel  
all

take everything  
from the  
middle

ה

hay  
half

take half of  
everything in  
the middle

ש

shin  
put in

put some in  
the middle

Have fun and enjoy

