



Chanukah Who-What- Why-When Jeopardy

Dear Program Coordinator:

The following program material will help create a fun, exciting and educational Chanukah program that can be offered in conjunction with a menorah lighting ceremony. In addition to creating a memorable Chanukah environment where a good time can be had by all, the goal of this program is to educate participants regarding the deeper meanings of the Chanukah holiday.

To prepare for the program, you will need to decide how you wish to play your Chanukah Jeopardy game: Per table, as a larger group, or adults versus children.

Attached are four categories of questions (2 questions per page, except for the “Where” section). Each set of questions and answers can be cut out and folded or taped back-to-back. Like the television show Jeopardy, the answer (which is on the same side as the Chanukah Across America logo) is presented as the question. The question that is being sought appears on the opposite side and is followed with an explanation of the question and answer.

Who Answer 1

Answer: Men and women over the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



Who Question 1

Who must light the Chanukah menorah?

All adults are equally obligated to light the Chanukah candles, and each one may light their own menorah. However, the head of the household may choose to light one set of Chanukah candles for the entire household. When individuals light their own menorahs, it is customary to allow children over nine to do so as well.

Who Answer 3

Answer: In order for a jar of olive oil to be considered pure and valid to be used in the menorah in the Temple in Jerusalem it must have this person's unbroken seal.



Who Question 3

Who is the High Priest (*Kohein Gadol*)?

Pure olive oil, known in Hebrew as *shemen zayit zach*, is the first drop of oil that comes out when the olive is first squeezed or pressed. The Mishna states that there is nothing better than the first oil of the first crop of olives. These first drops of oil were collected in a container and sealed with the High Priest's seal.

What Answer 2

Answer: This is the extra candle used to light the other 8 candles of the Chanukah menorah.



What Question 2

What is the *shamesh*?

The lights of the menorah should be in a straight line without any difference in height between the Chanukah lights. They may be in a slight semi-circle as long as all the lights are visible, but distinct from each other, at the same time. The placement of the *shamesh* on the *chanukiyah*, however, should be different than the other lights. Usually it is higher, lower or out of line with the others.

When Answer 1

Answer: The 25th day of the Hebrew month of *Kislev*.



When Question 1

On what date does Chanukah start on the Jewish calendar?

The 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev is the first day of Chanukah. Chanukah is celebrated for eight days beginning on the anniversary of the rededication of the Second Temple by Judah Maccabee and his loyal followers.