



Hebrew School: The Podcast! Educator Guide

Episode 5: Hanukkah

Themes:

- Celebrating Hanukkah
- Hanukkah signs and symbols
- Hanukkah values

Listen and Learn



This episode's Listen and Learn can be found [here](#). This activity allows you to use sections of the podcast in an interactive way. It can be sent to learners or projected in the classroom.

Hanukkah Games and Activities



This episode offers digital activities for each night of Hanukkah using a [choice board](#). Three activities are also available in printable form. These activities invite learners to collect the items they will need to celebrate Hanukkah each night. These activities can be sent out to families to do at home or done in the classroom as preparation for the holiday.

Additional Opportunities for expanding on these activities in the classroom:

Night 1- Blessings: Print and cut the ending of each blessing out, and invite learners to put them in the correct order. Then, practice singing them together.

Night 2- Hanukkah Item Word Scramble: This could be done in-person with paper letters, blocks, or magnetic letters. Find a printable [here](#).

Night 3- The Story of Hanukkah: In pairs or small groups, learners can act out the riddles, or even compose and sing them to each other.

Night 4- Hanukkah Foods: Invite learners to share their families' favorite Hanukkah foods with pictures or recipes, and use [Padlet](#) or [Book Creator](#) to share this with the community.

Night 5- Dreidel Code Breaker: Use [this chart](#) to create a similar exercise in Hebrew. Find a printable [here](#).

Night 6- Hanukkah and Shabbat Candles: Invite learners to create challot in a Hanukkah-inspired shape. For more Shabbat activities, check out the Shabbat episode [here](#).

Night 7- Hanukkiah through the ages: In the digital exhibition, invite learners to find three things that are similar to their hanukkiah (at home or the classroom), two things that are different, and one thing that surprises them. Use the exhibition as inspiration to design hanukkiot together.

Night 8- Hanukkah Quiz: This can be done in a full group or individually. This can be a fun activity to do in a larger setting, at a Hanukkah party or gathering, and give out real gelt or other small rewards. Find a printable [here](#).

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