

Kosher Meals on Wheels

The Kosher Konnection

Word Power

Vocabulary Building



**For each word listed,
find the closest definition*

1. BRAZEN a. bold and brash
b. destroyed c. lost
2. CATALYST a. leader b. something
that starts a process c. savior
3. STAGNANT a. improved b. quiet
c. not moving
4. ANNIHILATE a. obscure b. lie
c. destroy
5. REPRIMAND a. severe scolding
b. tearful reply c. laughter
6. MILITANT a. loud b. warlike
c. hidden



MUSINGS ON CHANUKAH

"The darkness of the whole world cannot
swallow the glowing of a candle."
--Robert Altinger

"Chanukah is about the spark of the divine in all
of us made in God's image." --Suzanne Fields

"Blessed is the match consumed in kindling
flame. Blessed is the flame that burns in the
secret fastness of the heart." --Hannah Senesh

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Chanukah 1st Night - Saturday, 12/1/18

Merry Christmas—Tuesday, 12/25/18



Eight Fascinating Facts about Chanukah excerpted from Aish.com

*In the 2nd century BCE, the brave Maccabees recaptured the Holy Temple in Jerusalem from the Greeks. The first thing they did was light the golden menorah. They found only one jar of oil, but it burned miraculously for eight days. Today we light a menorah for eight days to recall this miracle, and to be inspired by its message.

*The war of the Maccabees was the world's first ideological war, fought by a small band of pious Talmudic scholars who engaged in cunning stealth warfare. (In Israel you can visit the caves they hid in!)

*Around 17.5 million oily doughnuts (sufganiyot) are eaten in Israel during Chanukah, commemorating the miracle of the oil.

*The word Chanukah means dedication.

*Spinning the dreidel was originally done by students illegally studying Torah. When Greek soldiers would make a surprise raid, students would whip out a dreidel, pretending to play a gambling game.

*Chanukah is celebrated for eight days even though the miracle of the oil was really only seven.

*Throughout Chanukah, each menorah burns through 44 candles.

*The menorah in the Holy Temple was gold. The Maccabees lit one made out of wood. Your menorah can be made out of any material, any size.

*Chanukah is not the Jewish Christmas. There is no significance to giving gifts, but there is a tradition to give gelt (money) to kids as an incentive to learn Torah.

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This Month's Trivia

CHANUKAH FACTS

1. The best type of oil for a menorah is-- a. macadamia nut b. ethanol c. olive oil
2. The most important Chanukah observance is to-- a. light the menorah
b. play dreidel c. eat traditional foods
3. The 9th candle on the menorah (used to light the others) is called -- a. the Shamash
b. the Gadol c. Ner Hamaravi
4. The Chanukah miracle took place-- a. during the era of the prophets
b. during the 2nd Talmudic period c. during the second Temple era
5. Chanukah candles must burn-- a. 18 minutes b. late afternoon until sunset
c. at least a half hour after night has fallen

FYI—Winter Frozen Meals

By mid-December, we will be distributing frozen meals—two per client/four per couple—to all our Kosher Meals on Wheels recipients. These meals are provided to be used as back-up in case our program is unable to deliver due to inclement weather.

When you receive the meals, please date them and put them in your freezer for safekeeping. If we are closed due to inclement weather, there will be an outgoing message on our main phone numbers, 732-777-1940 or 609-395-7979, stating that we will not delivering meals. **WE DO NOT CALL CLIENTS DIRECTLY.**

After the closing, we will replenish your frozen winter meals so that you always have a supply on hand.

LAUGH A LITTLE Bubbie Schwartzbaum's Purse

*excerpted from
Jewlariious.com

As the bus pulled away, poor Bubbie Schwartzman realized that she had left her purse under the seat. She called the bus company and was relieved to hear that the driver had found her bag.

When she returned to pick it up, several off-duty bus drivers surrounded her. One man handed her a piece of paper and a box containing the contents of her purse. "I hope you don't mind," he stated, "but we're required to inventory lost wallets and handbags to be sure that everything is still there."

As Bubbie started to put her belongings back into her purse, the man continued. "A few of us attempted to return your items to your purse, but as hard as we tried, we couldn't fit everything in! We're sticking around to see just how you do it!!"

Answers to **VOCABULARY BUILDING** 1. a 2. b 3. c 4. c 5. a 6. b

Answers to Chanukah Trivia: 1 .c 2. a 3. a 4. c 5. c

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FYI — KNOW If you always ask for the same type of menu change, you can request a "Standing Order" instead of calling the office each time. For example, if you don't wish to eat any hot meal of beef, you can request a "Standing Order" to substitute roast chicken any time beef comes up on the menu. FYI - As a reminder, please call in all same-day requests for pick-up by 9 AM at the latest. Also, you must wait until 12 PM or later, after we have finished dispatching the meals, to pick up your order.