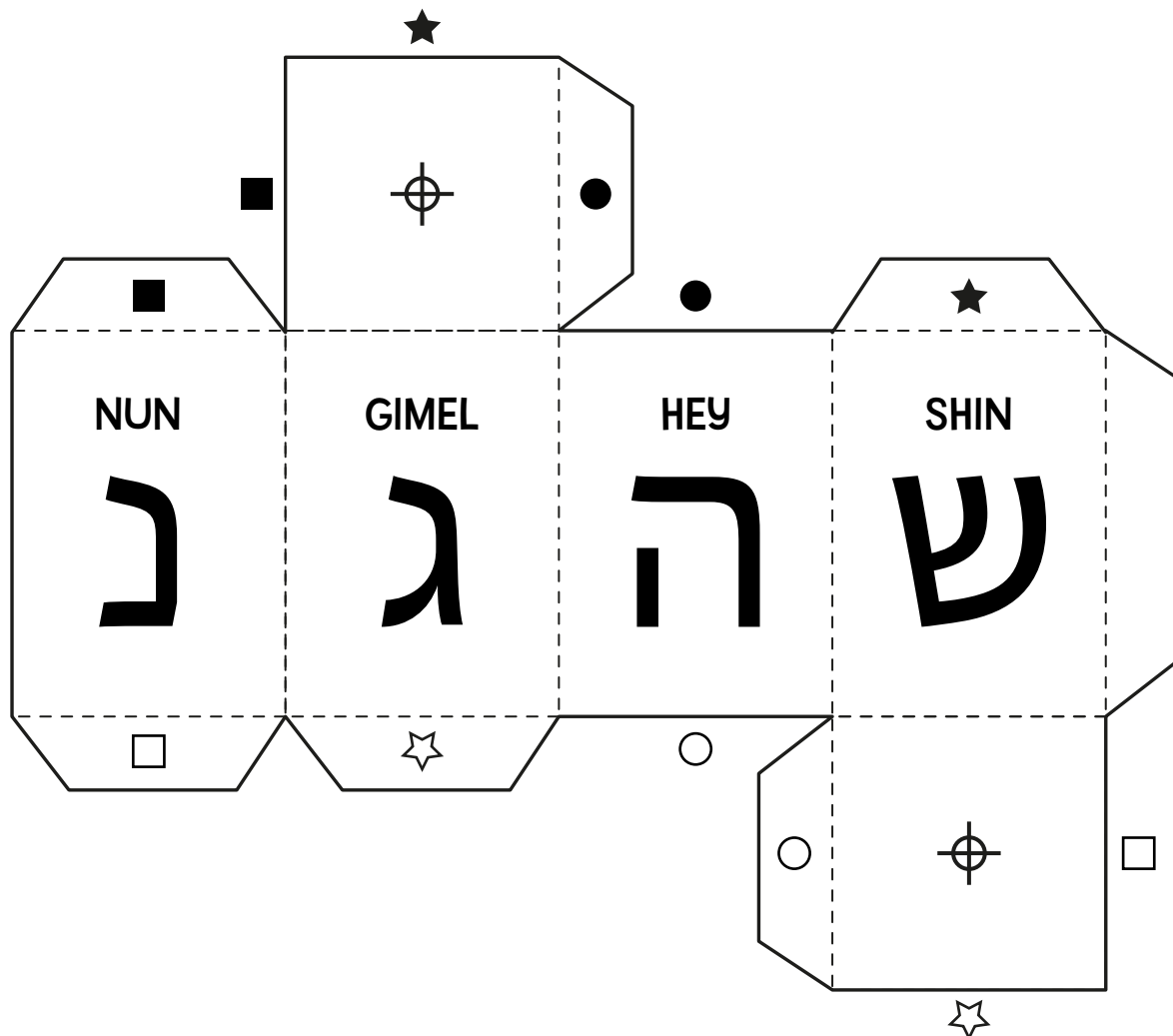


Dreidel

A dreidel is a 4-sided spinning top often played with at Hanukkah. Each side is marked with a Hebrew letter and together they stand for the saying, “nes gadol haya sham,” meaning a great miracle happened there. This references the miracle of the oil lighting the menorah for 8 days.

To Make Your Dreidel:

1. Cut out the template along the solid line and then fold along the dotted lines.
2. Glue the tabs to their corresponding sides, matching the shapes.
3. Glue the tab on the right to the back of ‘nun’ to create a 4-sided spinning top.
4. Push a pencil through the cross top and bottom and get ready to play!



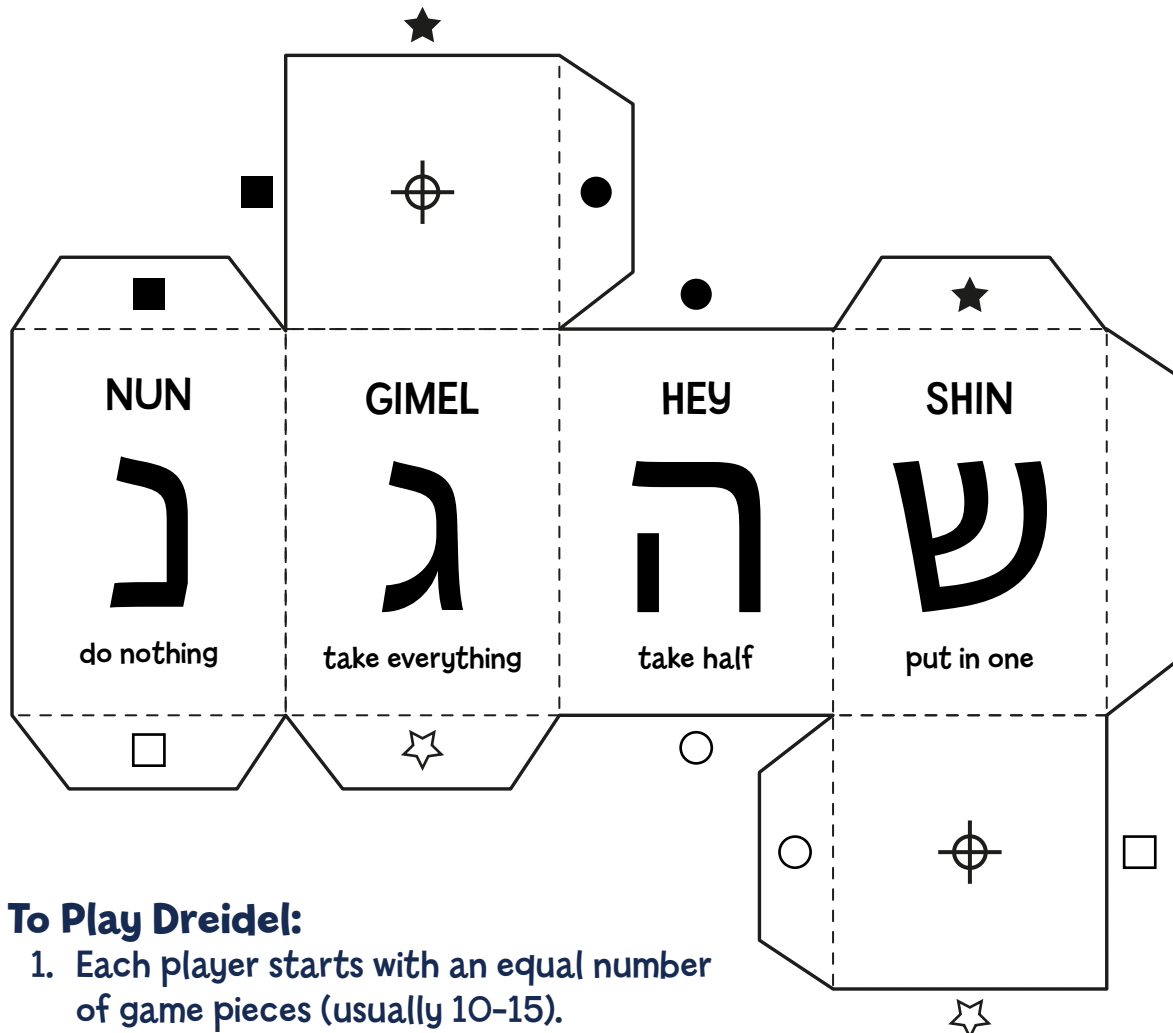
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Dreidel With Directions

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Did You Know!

The custom of playing dreidel at Hanukkah is often explained with the following legend. During the time of the Maccabees Jewish children were forbidden from studying the Torah. They would defy this decree and study anyway. When a Greek official came close, children would put away their books and take out their dreidels claiming they were just playing games.

In Israel 'peh' replaces shin which changes the meaning from "nes gadol haya sham," meaning a great miracle happened there to "nes gadol haya po," meaning a great miracle happened here.