

## Test your knowledge with this Chanukah quiz

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What were the names of Matityahu's five sons?
2. Where did Matityahu live?
3. Why do we have a shamesh? (2 answers)
4. What is the 25<sup>th</sup> word of the Torah and how does it relate to Chanukah?
5. What day of the week can the first day of Chanukah never fall out on?
6. We say in Maoz Tzur "קץ בבל זרובבל" – who was זרובבל?
7. Who wrote Maoz Tzur and how do we know?
8. On Chanukah, when can you read from three different Sifrei Torah?
9. Why don't we read a Haftorah on Chanukah?
10. Why is there no Musaf on Chanukah?
11. Why isn't there any Seudah on Chanukah like there is on Purim?
12. Why don't we have 9 days of Chanukah in חוץ לארץ (Diaspora)?
13. Why don't we mention anything about Chanukah in "Al HaMichya" like we do in Birkat HaMazon (Grace after Meals)

ANSWER KEY:

1. Yehuda, Shimon, Elazar, Yochanan, Yonatan
2. Modi'in
3. 1- to light the other candles. 2- so that if we get pleasure from the Menorah, we can say it is from the shamesh
4. אור - light, what we do with the Chanukah menorah (and what it gives). It is the 25<sup>th</sup> word in the Torah, and Chanukah starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Kislev
5. Tuesday
6. Zerubavel was Nechemia. He led a group of Jews back from the Babylonian exile after 70 years.
7. A – a man named Mordechai. B – the first letter of each stanza spells out his name.
8. If Rosh Chodesh falls out on Shabbat Chanukah – a separate sefer Torah is taken out for the reading relating to each day (Rosh Chodesh reading, Parsha that Shabbat, that day's Chanukah reading)
9. Because people are allowed to work on Chanukah so it would make davening longer, causing people to be late to work.
10. There was no Musaf sacrifice for Chanukah like on the 'Shlosh Regalim'
11. In Megillat Esther it explicitly states that the Jews sat and ate a meal. Therefore we also eat a meal. With Chanukah however, there is no reason to eat a meal because there is no source brought down to say you should.
12. We only make a מיג (guard) of adding an extra day for a d'oraita (commandment from the Torah, as opposed to the rabbis) like the 'shlosh regalim'. Chanukah is a d'rabbanan (from the rabbis)
13. Part A. 'Al HaMichya' is an abridged version of Birkat HaMazon. The "extras" (for Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh, Pesach, Shavuot, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Rosh Hashana) are from the ברכות למי ששכח – blessings you can add to bentching after יעלה ויבוא or רצה if you forgot to say

+ Part B. If you forget 'al haNissim in Shemone Esrei or Birkat HaMazon, you do not repeat, go back or even insert anything later in your prayers.

= Part C. Since you do not insert anything into your prayers if you forgot 'al haNissim', there is no ברכות למי ששכח. Since there is no ברכות למי ששכח for 'al HaNissim', there is no mention of it in 'al HaMichya'