

CHANUKAH CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

שבת חנוכה

1. What two similarities are there between חנוכה and סוכות?
 - a. What הלכה do a מנורה and a סוכה have in common?
2. Who are the שבעה רעים (mentioned in מעוז צור)?
3. What are the two instances where we make a ברכה on a מנהג¹ (only have one instance)?
4. What connection does חנוכה have to the number 25?
 - a. What is the 25th word in the תורה?
 - b. What is the 25th stop mentioned in פרשת מסעי?
5. Why will there be 10 days of חנוכה in 2025?
6. List at least one connection the numbers 1-10 have with חנוכה.
Who knows 1? 2? 3? 4? 5? 6? 7? 8? 9? 10?
7. I was used by one of the אבות,
I was used for both the spiritual and political leaders,
I was used in a purification process,
There are those so sought to desecrate me.
Who am I?
8. On חנוכה more than one of me can be used -
however we can't be used together,
I am mentioned in the תורה but I am used in a very different way;
I am used for the כהן גדול² and for a ישראל's daily מצוה,
I am even once used as someone's משכן!
Who am I?³

Need a hint?

¹ One is on חנוכה and one is approximately 15 times a year

² For one of the כהן גדול

³ Answer is in לשון קודש

Answers

1. 1) They are both eight days (including שמיני עצרת) 2) הלל שלם is said by both - every day.
 3) According to שמאי בית we light one less every night כנגד פרי החג
 a. The שיעור for the maximum height of a מנורה and a סוכה is 20 אמות.
2. The גמ' in אדם, שת, מתושלח, דוד, אברהם, יעקב ומשה lists them as סוכה דף נב: in גמ'.
3. 1) Lighting the מנורה in shul 2) הלל of ראש חודש
4. כ"ה כסליו
 a. אור
 b. חשמונה
5. This year חנוכה extends two days into January. Therefore in 2025 there are two days of Chanukah in January and eight in December.
6. 1 – ה' , the minimum amount of נרות required for the מצוה of שמש
 2 – every night except for the first נר חנוכה on ברכות
 3 – on the first night, the minimum height of the נרות חנוכה
 4 – The sides of a driedel
 5 – The sons of מתתיהו (according to מגילת אנטיוכוס), the five גזירות of the יונים; שבת, מילה, קידוש
 החודש, כשרות, ותורה
 6 – מתתיהו ובניו
 7 – Days of the נס of the שמן, the נרות of the מנורה in the המקדש, בית the שבע רועים
 sons
 8 – Days of חנוכה, a full מנורה
 9 – Full מנורה with the שמש
 10 – The maximum height of the מנורה לכתחילה
7. I was used by one of the אבות, מצבה put me on his יעקב -
 I was used for both spiritual and political leaders, כהן גדול and the king -
 I was used in a purification process, מצורע of a -
 There are those so sought to desecrate me. יונים The -
 Who am I? Oil -
8. Next week.....

Last Week's Riddle:

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| I became a necessity after the חטא of אדם הראשון, | - people weren't embarrassed without me |
| On one occasion נח didn't use me as he should have, | - he removed me |
| I was used numerous times for a deception, | - to trick יצחק, to trick יעקב etc. |
| I was used for a false accusation, | - יוסף used me against אשת פוטיפר |
| I am mentioned in this week's פרשה . | |
| Who am I? | - בגד A |