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Q: Who was Judeah the Maccabee? A: Mattathias. who was already an old man when he started the war, died in 166 BCE, less than a year after he started the war. His middle son. Judah, took over, and proved to be a masterful tactician and leader. He continued to wage war against the Syrian armies, defeating evermore powerful attacks against the Jews.

Q: What is the Maccabean Revolt?

A: When the Greek soldiers arrived in Modiin, a small Jewish village west of Jerusalem, they encountered a priest named Mattathias the Hasmonean, and his five sons. The soldiers built an altar in the town marketplace and demanded that Mattathias, as the town's religious leader, sacrifice an animal to the Greek Gods. He refused. When another of the villagers agreed to do it in hopes that this would appease the invaders. Mattathias grabbed a sword and killed him. He and his five sons attacked. killed, or drove away all the

invading soldiers

Q: Why do we need the Shamash in the Menorah?

Menorah?
A:Jewish law states that the regular candles are for viewing and spreading the word of the miracle only, so the Shammash is used to light the others, and for any other purpose.

Q: what is the dribble game and how is it played? what do the letters stand for?

stand for? A: nun isnothing, Haih ishalf, gimbal isall, and shin isput in. According to Jewish tradition, when the Jews were in caves learning Torah, hiding from the Seleucids. dreidel became a popular game to play. Legend has it that whenever the teacher heard the Seleucids soldiers approaching, he would instruct the children to hide their Torah scrolls and take out their dreidels instead.

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A: Judah

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Origin of the

"Maccabee"?

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Antiochus? A: He was exerting extraordinary pressure on the Jews to abandon their faith: He outlawed all observances of Judaism, circumcision and reading and studying Torah and implemented horrific punishments for anyone who disobeyed his edicts. If soldiers found a circumcised newborn child, they publicly executed both the baby and the mother. - See

more at. He

required all

worship the Greek Gods and

to eat pork -

refused were tortured and

killed.

something to this

day forbidden to

Jews. Those who

citizens to

Q: What is The Miracle of Light? A: Inside the

A: Inside the Temple was a lamp called the **Eternal Light** (Nehr Tameed). The Jews are supposed to keep it burning all the time. But Antiochus had destroyed or defiled all the oil in the Temple except for one vial, which still had the seal of the High Priest. The problem was that the bottle held only enough oil to last one day, and the Jews needed eight days to create new oil for the lamp. So the Jews lit the lamp and the oil, and through a miracle of G-d, it lasted eight days until new oil

could be made.

Q: What are the letters on the dribble and what do they stand for? what is the difference between here and Israel?
A: nun, gimel, hei, shin. Nes Gadol Hayah Sham- agreat miricale happened there. In Israel it is- Nes

Gadol haha Poh-

which means

here.

name "Ha Maccabee." There are two schools of thought about the meaning of the word "Maccabee." One maintains that it is derived from the Aramaic word 'maqqaba', which means hammer. The other school of thought holds that it comes from the first letters of the Old **Testament** passage Exodus 15:11 "Mi kamokha ba'elim YHVH" (Who is like unto thee, O Lord), the first letters of which are MKBE or Maccabee.

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Q: who was Alexander the Grate?

A: Alexander the Great and his armies rolled through the Persian Empire in the latter half of the third century BCE, the lands on which the Jewish people lived came under his control. During his short lifetime. Alexander left the Jews mostly alone. Under his rule they were an autonomous people, free to practice Judaism without interference. When he died-Because he left no children who were able to lead his empire, Alexander divided it among four of his Generals. But the generals all fought among themselves for control, and in

the end two

Q: What are the names of Mattityahu's sons?

A: He had five sons- Jochanan Simeon, Eleazar, and Judah. They all led a rebellion agains Antiochus. Q: What does the name Hanukah mean?

A: chanu canwhich means they rested here at the 25th of the month kislev. also means lachnuch- to dedicate. because the jews had dedication and commitment. Q: How many Oily doughs are eaten in Israel each Hanukkah?

A: around 17.5 million! commemorating the miracle of the oil

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