

Sacred Word Meanings Answer Key

1. *Dedication* - Hanukkah means "dedication," marking the rededication of the Holy Temple.
2. *Lampstand* - A menorah is a seven- or nine-branched lampstand used in worship and celebration.
3. *To spin or turn* - The word dreidel means something that spins.
4. *A great miracle happened there* - The letters on the dreidel commemorate the Hanukkah miracle.
5. *Who is like You among the gods, O Lord?* - This phrase symbolizes faith and courage of the Maccabees.
6. *Helper or attendant* - The shamash is the helper candle used to light the others on the menorah.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation:**
 - For emerging learners, provide the Hebrew words with pronunciation guides (e.g., *Kha-noo-kah*).
 - Advanced students can research one additional Hebrew term connected to Hanukkah and explain its meaning.
- **Engagement Tip:**
 - Play a "word origins" matching game before the activity to spark curiosity about how languages influence each other.
 - Encourage students to read each Hebrew term aloud to appreciate its rhythm and sound.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students create a mini glossary or illustrated dictionary of Hanukkah Hebrew terms.
 - Challenge learners to find English words with Hebrew or other ancient roots used in modern celebrations.
 - Integrate cross-cultural learning-compare how different faiths use sacred language to express light, faith, or miracles.