

# DIY Dreidel

## ***Materials:***

1-inch square wood beads

1-inch diameter split/half wood balls

Wood dowel (diameter should match the diameter of the hole in the bead)

Wood circles/discs to use as gelt game pieces

Paint & paint brush or markers

Wood Glue

## ***Directions:***

- 1) Paint or write the four Hebrew letters on four side of a 1" square wood bead. Allow to dry.
- 2) Using wood glue, adhere a split/half wood ball to the underside of the wood bead. Allow to dry.
- 3) Cut a 1" piece of wood dowel, the same diameter as the hole in the bead. Place the dowel piece into the wood bead's top hole and press it in securely.

## ***How to Play Dreidel:***

- 1) Any number of people can play. Each player begins the game with an equal number of wood gelt (money) game pieces (about 10-15).
- 2) Each person puts one piece of gelt into the center pot at the beginning of each round.
- 3) Every time it's your turn, spin the dreidel once. Depending on the Hebrew letter shown on top of the stopped dreidel, you give or get game pieces from the pot:
  - Nun נ means ""nothing"". [in Yiddish]. The player does nothing.
  - Gimel ג means ""everything"". The player gets everything in the pot.
  - Hey ה means ""half"". The player gets half of the pot.
  - Shin ש means ""put in"". The player adds a game piece to the pot.
- 4) When one person has won everything, that round of the game is over!