How to Play Dreidel

Playing with the dreidel is a traditional Hanukkah game played in Jewish homes all over the world.



- Each player begins the game with an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15) such as pennies.
- At the beginning of each round, every player puts one game piece into the center "pot." Also, every time the pot is empty or has only one game piece left, every player should put one in the pot.
- Each player takes a turn to spin the dreidel once. Depending on the outcome, you give or get game pieces from the pot:

Nun ("Nisht") means "nothing" - The player does nothing.

Gimmel ("gantz") means "everything" - The player gets everything in the pot.

Hey ("halb") means "half" - The player gets half of the pot. (If there is an odd number of pieces in the pot, the player takes half of the total plus one).

Shin ("peh") means "pay" - The player adds a game piece to the pot.



When one person has won everything, that round of the game is over!

