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Hanukkah is the annual Jewish celebration in honor of a victorious battle for religious freedom. The holiday commemorates the dedicating of the second temple in Jerusalem. The word Hanukkah means dedication. The holiday lasts for eight days. Hanukkah starts on the 25th day of Kislev. Kislev is the ninth of the twelve months on the Jewish calendar, usually in November and December.

Lighting of the Menorah is the main tradition. A Menorah is a special candelabrum that holds 9 candles. Each night of Hanukkah, a candle is placed in the Menorah from right to left, and then lit from left to right. The center candle of the Menorah is used to light the other eight candles. The candles on the candelabrum should not go out until the end of the festival. Originally, a Menorah was placed outside the door. An ancient Hanukkah song, called Haneerot Haalot, is sung while lighting the candles.

During Hanukkah, kids like to play dreidel, a game where they spin a four-sided top with Hebrew letters on all sides. If they win the dreidel game, children often receive gelt which is real money or chocolate coins wrapped in foil.

Hanukkah is often referred to as the Festival of Lights or the Festival of Dedication. The word Hanukkah comes from the Hebrew word meaning "to dedicate".

Hanukkah traditions are similar to Christmas, it's a time for family gatherings, food, music and gifts. During Hanukkah, children are encouraged to study their Torah. They are rewarded for their studies during Hanukkah with presents and money.

Families traditionally eat potato pancakes called latkes. They also enjoy jelly-filled donuts called Sulganiyot. Oil is the key ingredient of the foods, which is a tribute to the miracle of purified oil. Many foods are fried in oil during Hanukkah in remembrance of the sacred oil. In Yemen, children would go from house to house to collect wicks for the Hanukkah Menorah. In Germany, the leftover wicks and oil were lit in giant bonfires.

When the Holy Temple was reclaimed, there was enough purified oil to keep the temple lit for only one day. By some miracle, the light burned for eight days.

What key ingredient is used in food during Hanukkah? *

- Oil
- Rice
- Bacon
- None of the above

What year was the earliest evidence of a Christmas tree? *

- 1870
- 1760
- 1670
- 1570

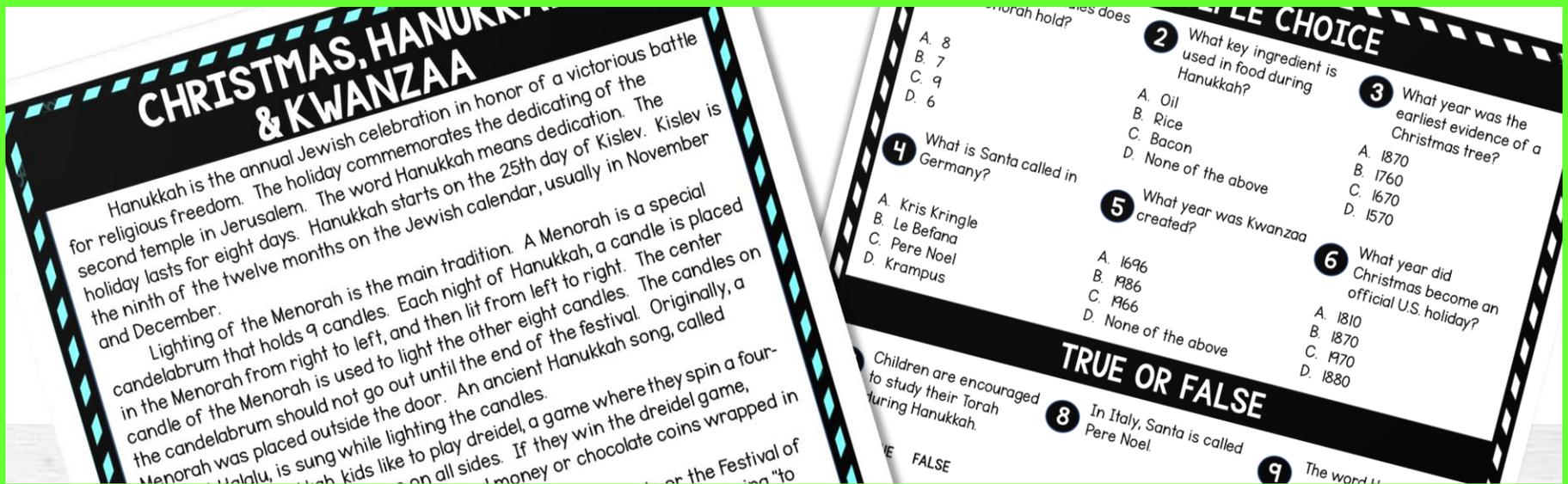
What is Santa called in Germany? *

- Kris Kringle
- Le Befana
- Pere Noel
- Krampus



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15 QUESTIONS



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INCLUDED

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
 - ✓ ANSWER KEY
 - ✓ 15 QUESTIONS
 - ✓ SELF-GRADING
- ✓ PRINTABLE VERSION
- ✓ DIGITAL VERSION



QUESTION TYPES

-  **MULTIPLE CHOICE (6)**
-  **TRUE OR FALSE (9)**
-  **EDITABLE QUESTIONS
(FOR DIGITAL VERSION)**

True

False



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