

# DREIDEL GAME FOR SENIORS: A HANUKKAH TRADITION

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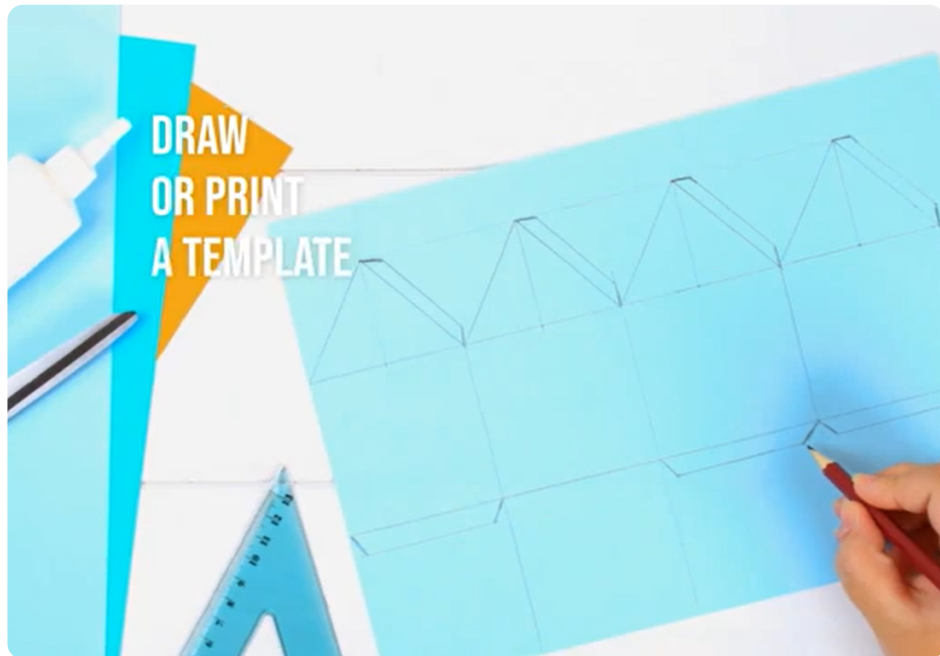
## Crafting Your Own Dreidel

### Materials Needed:

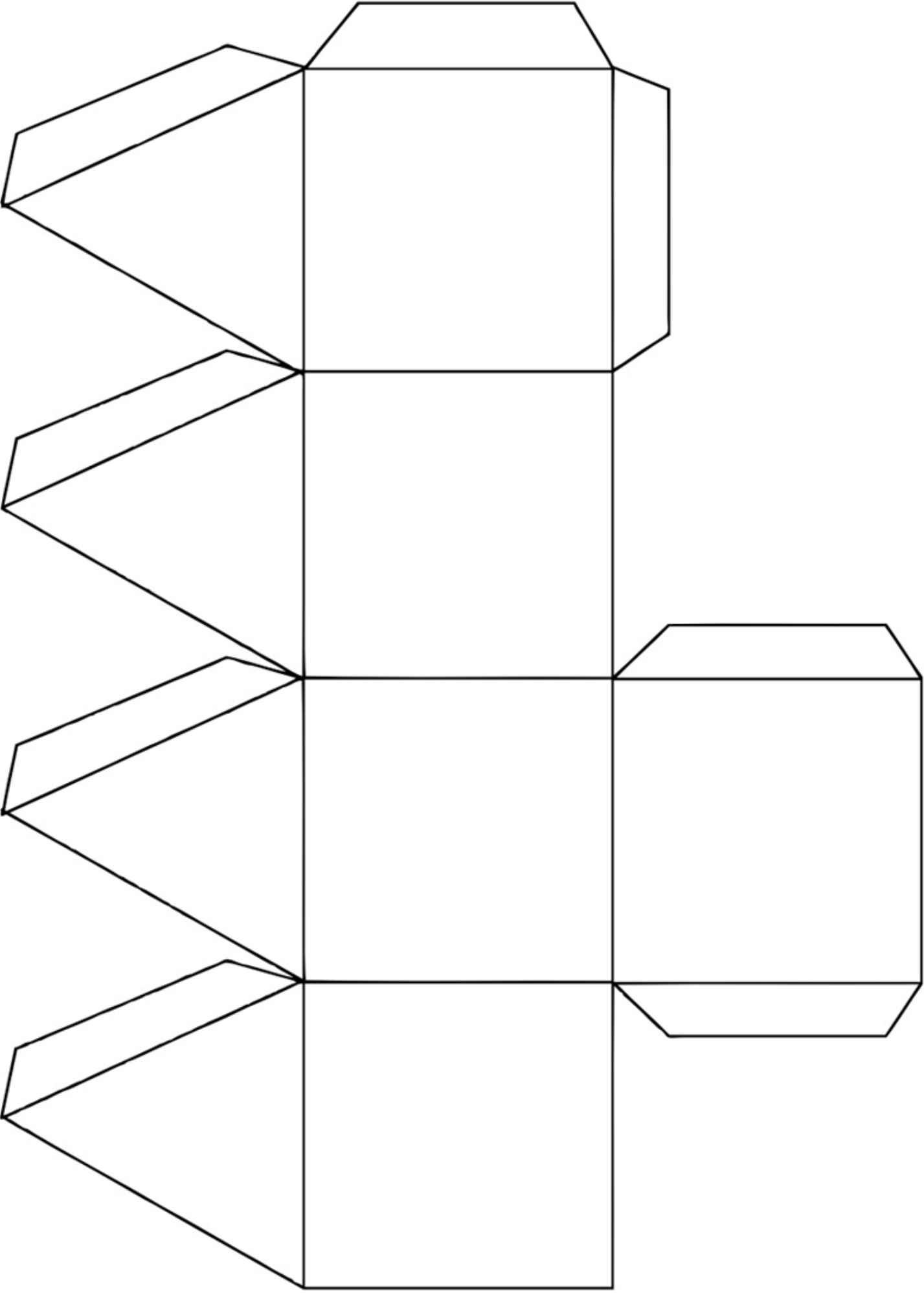
- Template (provided)
- Construction paper in any color
- Crayons, paint and brushes, or images cut from magazines
- Safety scissors
- Glue
- Thick black marker
- Spare pencils, at least 18cm (7 inches) long
- Paper hole puncher

### Instruction:

1. Download the template and trace it onto construction paper.



Dreidel Template



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2. Cut around the template, then fold the flaps as illustrated in the photo.



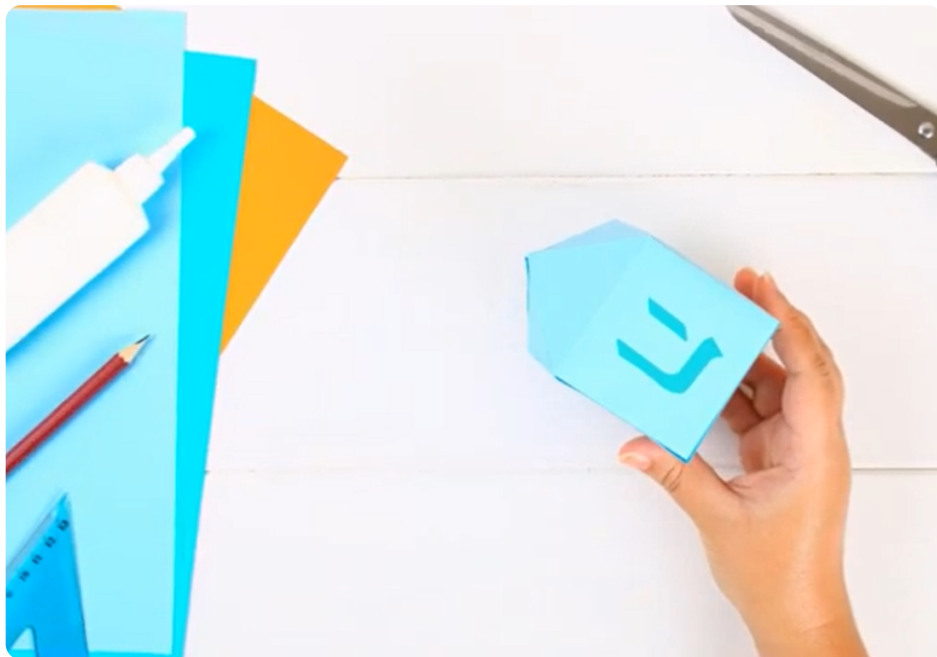
3. Make a small hole on the flap where the pencil will be inserted.



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4. Hand out the dreidels to residents for decorating with crayons or paint. It's best to do this step first, as decorating becomes tricky once the dreidels are assembled.

5. Use a thick black marker to write the Hebrew words (**NUN, GIMMEL, HAY, SHIN**) on each side. Alternatively, you can write the words on different colored paper, cut them out, and glue them to the dreidels.





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6. Assemble the dreidels by gluing the side flap first, followed by the bottom, and finally the top. You might need to assist participants with the gluing process.




### Playing the Dreidel Game

Now that you have your beautifully crafted dreidels, it's time to gather around and enjoy the game. Here's how it works:

- Gather four to six players around a table.
- Each player should have 15-20 objects at their disposal, which could be anything from fake money to soda lids or even discarded game pieces like Scrabble letters, checkers, dominoes, or any other small items.
- Place a box or container in the center of the table to hold these objects.



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- Each player contributes one object to the container at the beginning of the game.
  - Taking turns, each player spins the dreidel. Depending on which Hebrew letter it lands on, the game unfolds as follows:
    - **NUN** (נ): If the dreidel lands on this letter, it signifies "nothing." The player does nothing and passes the dreidel to the next person.
    - **GIMMEL** (ג): A spin landing on "Gimmel" means "all." The player claims everything from the container.
    - **HAY** (ה): When the dreidel stops at "Hay," signifying "half," the player takes half of the objects from the container.
    - **SHIN** (ש): If the dreidel shows "Shin," indicating "put in," the player adds two objects into the container.
  - If the container becomes empty during the game (e.g., when the dreidel lands on Gimmel), each player must contribute one object to refill it.
  - The game continues until one player wins everything in the container, emerging as the ultimate dreidel champion!

Engaging in the dreidel game isn't just about playful competition; it's a wonderful opportunity for residents to connect with a cherished Hanukkah tradition while fostering camaraderie and a sense of shared joy. So, gather your residents and embark on this delightful journey of spinning tops and merriment!