Global Hanukkah Trivia

Jews are a multicultural people who have lived around the world for thousands of years. Consider the questions below and see how much you know about global Jewish communities.

1. Celebrating the miracle of this, every culture celebrates with its own version of a fried food, like Cuban Frituras from malanga (like a sweet potato) or Colombian Patacones from plantains. What is_____________________________?

2. Jews in Poland and Russia ate lots of potatoes all year but on Hanukkah they prepared them into this special holiday dish. What are_____________________________________________________________________?

3. The Jews of South America’s largest Jewish community eat ice cream on Hanukkah which falls in the middle of their summer. What is_______________________________________________________________________?

4. The dictator Idi Amin outlawed Judaism and destroyed the synagogue of the Abayudaya Jews of this country. Like the Maccabees, they were small in number, but determined to rebuild their synagogue. What is_____________________________________________________________________?

5. The Kaifeng Jewish community in this country, founded in the 8th or 9th century by Persian and Iraqi Jewish traders along the Silk Road, are inspired by the story of the Maccabees. What is_____________________________________________________________________?

6. Jews from this country are called Romaniyot or Romans and celebrate Hanukkah by eating a fried doughnut with honey called Bunuelos. What are_____________________________________________________________________?

7. After lighting the candles, Jewish women from this country wear clothing decorated with bells and go out into the street and play music to celebrate the miracle of Hanukkah. What is_____________________________________________________________________?

8. In Yemen and North African countries like Algeria, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco, the seventh day of Hanukkah, called “Daughters Festival,” celebrates these heroines. Who are_________________________ and_________________________________?
9. Fighting against the Greeks, the Macabees battled this animal not native to the land of Israel.

What are___________________________________________________________?

10. Historically in countries like Morocco and Algeria, and even some communities in India, it was customary to hang a this on a hook in the doorway across from the mezuzah.

What is________________________________________________________________________?

11. Separated from Israel and the Diaspora for more than 2,000 years, Jews from this country followed the Old Testament, which does not include the Hanukkah story.

What is_______________________________________________________________________?

12. In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue, the same year the Inquisition told Jews from which countries to convert or leave. These Anusim, a Hebrew term to describe descendants of forced converts, celebrated Hanukkah in secret.

What are _________________________and________________________________________?

13. Jewish pirates in this part of the world searched for opportunities to take revenge against Spanish and Portuguese ships.

What is_______________________________________________________________________?

14. The Bene Israel from this country celebrate Hanukkah with onion pakoras, coconut milk curries and sweet flattened rice pancakes.

What is_______________________________________________________________________?

15. Jews who have roots in Arab lands and North Africa, called this, celebrate Hanukkah with an orange flavored doughnut called spanj.

What is ____________________________________________________________________?

16. This country, the historic home of the Jewish people, was established in 1948 and borders Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria, celebrates Hanukkah with sufganiot.

What is ____________________________________________________________________?

Bonus: The percentage of the 6 million Jews in the U.S. who are Black, Asian, Latino, mixed-race, Sephardic or Mizrahi.

What is__________?