

Chanukkah Trivia on Jews and Potatoes

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#	Question	Answer
1	How is the Yiddish word “latke” typically translated in English?	<i>[Potato] Pancake</i>
2	From which continent do potatoes originate?	<i>South America</i>
3	In what Century did the potato arrive in Europe?	<i>16th century.</i>
4	Which traditional Jewish stew often includes potatoes, beans and/or meat?	<i>Cholent</i>
5	What is the Hebrew word for latkes?	<i>Levivot (singular: levivah)</i>
6	Which European country first introduced the potato after famine?	<i>France.</i>
7	Which popular American syrup brand ran a Yiddish newspaper ad for latke flour in 1919?	<i>Aunt Jemima (now Pearl Milling Company).</i>
8	Which Jewish community’s cuisine includes fritters combining potatoes and leeks, called “fritas de prasa”?	<i>Sephardic Jews</i>
9	In what century did potato latkes become common in Eastern Europe?	<i>19th century</i>
10	What cooking appliance’s recipe booklet helped popularize latkes in America?	<i>Osterizer blender</i>
11	What is the name of the Yiddish children’s ditty with lyrics that translate to “Sunday, potatoes; Monday, potatoes; Tuesday, potatoes . . . Shabbos, potato kugel.”	<i>Bulbes or Potatoes</i>
12	What were the first latkes called? Hint: the name is in German. Extra points to anyone who spells the name correctly.	<i>Kartoffelpfannkuchen or kartoffel</i>

- Optional: Present the trivia questions on a screen with this [Chanukkah Potato Trivia slideshow](#).