

# Jewish Picture Dominoes

Number fun for preschool children

1-4 Players

Ages 3-7

## How to play

Deal out the domino cards, face down, among the players. The player with the double-six card lays this one out first, face up.

If there are only three players, take out the double-six card and lay it down on the table before dealing the rest of the cards.

Players take turns to match the dominoes together, adding cards to the ends of the line only. A digit matches with the same digit, or with a picture side containing the same number of images. (For example, the "3" matches with another "3" or with the picture of 3 matzos.) If a player has no match then the turn passes to the next player. The first player to use up all of his domino cards wins the game.

## Jewish Content

The pictures chosen to represent the numbers have the following Jewish meanings, providing an additional educational component:

- 0** - Blank (The world was created from nothing)
- 1** - The Torah (there is only one Torah!)
- 2** - Candlesticks (we light two candles for Shabbat)
- 3** - Matzos (we use three matzos on the Passover seder plate)
- 4** - Dreidels (the Chanukah dreidel has 4 sides)
- 5** - Books (the five books of the Torah)
- 6** - Tefillin (the 6 weekdays when Jewish men put on tefillin)

## Note to Parents and Teachers

This game has been designed for preschool children, to provide a fun introduction to numbers, counting, and quantity association, as well as developing the social skill of taking turns.

Before playing, it may be a good idea to practice counting the quantities on the cards and matching them to the appropriate digits. In particular, make certain the children understand the concept of zero - matching the digit to a blank card (solid white square.)