

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A CHANUKAH BUSH, SANDY GOLDSTEIN

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think Robin, the little girl in the film, felt when her friend told her about the Christmas tree she had in her house?
2. Why did Robin pretend to have a sore throat when the rest of her class sang Christmas carols? Do you think her friend, Sandy Goldstein, had a sore throat, too?
3. Why did Robin want a Chanukah bush? Is a Chanukah bush part of the Jewish celebration?
4. Why did Robin's mother refuse to let her set up a Chanukah bush inside their home?
5. Do you think Sandy Goldstein's parents, by allowing her to set up a Chanukah bush, has any less Jewish faith than Robin's parents?
6. Name some of the aspects of the celebration of Chanukah that differs from the celebration of Christmas?
7. Do you think that Robin's school should have taught about the Jewish faith, and other faiths, in addition to teaching about the Christian faith?
8. Why did Robin's grandfather, who is Jewish, help organize his office Christmas party?
9. Why was it all right for Robin to attend the Christmas party, but not all right for her to have her own Christmas tree?
10. Do you think Robin was abandoning her Jewish faith by attending the Christmas party?
11. Do you think the little girl that Robin met at the Christmas party was selfish for wanting all those presents?
12. Why do you think it was important for Robin to invite her friend, Heather, and her family, to her Chanukah dinner?
13. Why is Christmas celebrated with a tree? Do you know the origin of the Christmas tree?
14. What is the significance of the menorah in Judaism? Why is Chanukah celebrated over eight days?
15. Did the little girl that Robin met at the party have a Christmas tree? Can you celebrate Christmas without a tree, or Chanukah without a menorah?