

## River Edge school breaks a dreidel record



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**RIVER EDGE** - Students at the Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey spun their way into history Friday morning by setting an unofficial world record for playing a beloved Hanukkah game.

At 11 a.m., 1,369 children from nursery school to eighth grade, plus staff members, spun dreidels in the Jewish school's gymnasium in an attempt to break the record for most dreidels spun at the same time. The previous record of 965 was set at a 2017 National Jamboree carnival by Boy Scouts in West Virginia.

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Boys at the Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey in River Edge took their dreidels out into the hallway to spin. CHRIS FEDOTA/NORTHJERSEY.COM

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A teacher hands a dreidel to second-grader Misha Krasnopolsky before he and the other students start the simultaneous spin. PHOTOS BY CHRIS PEDOTA/NORTHJERSEY.COM

## Dreidels

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The dreidel, or spinning top, is traditionally used in games during the eight days of Hanukkah, which begins on Sunday.

Sara Stromer, brand manager for The Manischewitz Co., a kosher food brand, who is also a former student at Rosenbaum Yeshiva, said when the company decided to pursue the record, she thought of the yeshiva's 1,100 students. She then reached out to a neighbor who works at the school.

"I went to this school as a kid so it's very personal to me; I feel like I'm coming full circle," Stromer said.

Rabbi Daniel Price, who serves as head of the school, said the event tied into the school's theme for the year: community.

"If you take a part in your community and invest in your community, you will break world records throughout your life," said Price.

Aryeh Manzevitz, an eighth grader, said the event made him excited for Hanukkah, when he will see friends, share



The dreidels were part of an attempt to break the record for most dreidels spun at the same time.

presents and, he hopes, enjoy snow.

"You can feel the excitement in the air," Manzevitz said.

Before the event started, students of all ages were yelling and jumping up and down in excitement as they practiced their spins in preparation for big moment. After a successful practice run, the students spun their dreidels amid

cheers of joy as they broke the record.

Because no Guinness World Record officials were present at the event, the record is unofficial. Manischewitz did not plan to send video footage to Guinness, said Nicholas Gustaitis, a public relation specialist representing the company.