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Who was MLB's **FIRST** home run champion?

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How big was the world's largest matzah ball?
Who wrote the poem on the Statue of Liberty?
Who created the first teddy bear?
Turn the pages to find out. . . .



Superman's birth name,
Kal-El, comes from the
Hebrew for "voice of God."

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

Voice actor Mel Blanc
was the voice of Bugs
Bunny, Daffy Duck,
Tweety Bird, Porky Pig,
and dozens of other
cartoon characters.



After making dolls
for his sisters from
garden potatoes,
inventor George Lerner
invented

**MR. POTATO
HEAD.**

Many Romanian
Jews use hollowed-out
potatoes as their

MENORAHS.

The Dead Sea is
ONE-THIRD SALT . . .
10 times saltier than the
Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The
Dead Sea
is also the

**LOWEST
SPOT
ON EARTH.**

Its surface is
almost 1,500 feet
— or a quarter mile —
below sea level.

There's an
old superstition among
Russian Jews:
Put salt in your pockets
**TO KEEP
DEMONS AWAY.**



Do you think a dreidel will spin in
OUTER SPACE?



Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman
might know. He packed one
for his trip on the
SPACE SHUTTLE.



By the way,
a dreidel will
**SPIN
ENDLESSLY**
in outer space,
until it's interrupted.



Israeli scientists Dr. Elaine Solowey and

Dr. Sarah Sallon grew palm trees from

2,000-YEAR-OLD SEEDS

found on Masada.