Antiochus: Mafia with a Hannukah Twist

*Split everyone into two circles.*

*Say following*:

Welcome to “Antiochus”, the Chanukah version of Mafia. We thought that Mafia would be a great way to have fun and to learn about the story of Chanukah at the same time. Listen closely to the instructions of the game because we have made some adjustments to add the Chanukah element into the game.

Instructions:

1.   Before the game starts everybody will put their heads down. The game leader will come around and tap a person on the back once, another person on the back twice, and another person on the back three times.

·      **Antiochus:** If you are tapped on the back once, you are Antiochus. Antiochus takes the place of the mafia because he wanted to completely abolish the idea of the belief of one God. Since the Jewish people believe in one God, he wanted to kill the Israelites. The person playing Antiochus will get the opportunity to “kill” one person every round.

·      **Judah:** If you are tapped twice, you are Judah Maccabee. Judah takes the place of the sheriff because he revolted against Antiochus to stand up for the Israelites. The person who is playing Judah gets to guess who Antiochus is, and he gets killed. His job is to convince everyone who the “Antiochus” is, so he can save as many lives as possible.

·      **Maccabee:** If you are tapped three times, you are a Maccabee. Since the Maccabees were trying to save the Jews, the person who gets this role will potentially get to save someone in the circle. Meaning, if you chose the person Antiochus decided to kill, that person would be saved.

·      **Israelite:** If you are not tapped at all, you are an Israelite. Your lives are at risk because Antiochus is trying to kill all of you. Every single one of you believe in one God will not change your beliefs. However, you are too scared to go to war with the maccabees. After each round is over, all of the Israelites will have to come up with an agreement of who they think Antiochus is.

·      *Ask if anyone has questions about the characters*

·      Remember, Antiochus, Judah, and the Maccabee will also be in the circle. Since everyone had their heads down before, nobody will know who is who. So, everyone, especially Antiochus, will really have to really think on their feet and try to convince everyone else in the circle that they are not the Antiochus.

2.   At the beginning of each round, everyone will have their heads down. I will say Antiochus put your heads up. Then, I will say Antiochus point to the Israelite that you would like to kill. Antiochus can point to anyone in the circle. Remember, Judah wins the revolt, so the person playing Judah will survive the entire game.

3.   After Antiochus kills someone in the circle, Antiochus and will put their heads down. I will then say Maccabee put your head up. Maccabee, point to the person you would like to save.

4.   Once the Maccabee saves someone, Judah will wake up and guess who they think Antiochus is. Once done, I will tell everyone to put their heads up. Then, I will tell a short story about how someone in the circle got killed. If you are killed, you are out of the game, and must step out of the circle.

5.   Everyone else remaining in the circle has to try to kill Antiochus. So, you will all discuss who you think Antiochus is. If you are Judah, you should really speak up and try to convince the other Israelites who Antiochus is.

6.   You will then come up with a majority vote of who you think Antiochus is. Whoever is voted, will be killed and will be out of the game. If you kill Antiochus, the game is over and all the Israelites win.

Are there any questions?

*Remind everyone about the taps*