

# CHOLENT, THE GAME!™

Ages 8+

2-5 Players

Think you make a mean cholent? Prove it! Be the first to complete your secret cholent recipe and you'll be the talk of the town!

## OBJECTIVE

Be the first player to complete your recipe by collecting all the ingredients on your Recipe card.

## COMPONENTS

**Recipe cards**—Each player gets one at the beginning of the game. Put it on the table in front of you and keep it secret! The first player to complete his recipe wins the game.

**Ingredient cards**—These are the ingredients you need to complete your recipe. They are Meat, Beans, Potatoes, Eggs and Spices. A Wild counts as any one ingredient.

**Shuk cards**—These are the vendors from whom you buy your cholent ingredients. Players draw one Shuk card on their turn and follow the instructions.

**Gelt cards**— These come in values ranging from 1 to 4. Gelt cards are primarily used for bidding on ingredients. (See “Bidding.”)

**Chevra cards**—These are the people you meet in the shuk. They can help you complete your cholent. (See “Chevra cards”)

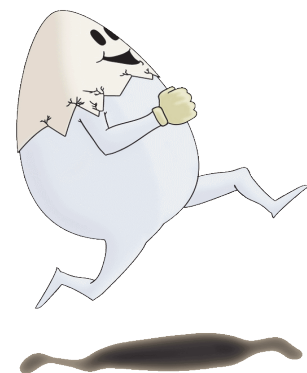
## SETUP

Before starting, separate the cards into the Shuk, Gelt, Ingredient and Chevra decks. Then shuffle each of the decks and place them face-down on the table. (Each deck will require a discard pile, so remember to leave some space.)

Next, deal a random Recipe card to each player. (Don't show anyone else your Recipe card.) Then deal four face-down Gelt cards and one Chevra card to each player. You're ready to begin!

## GAMEPLAY

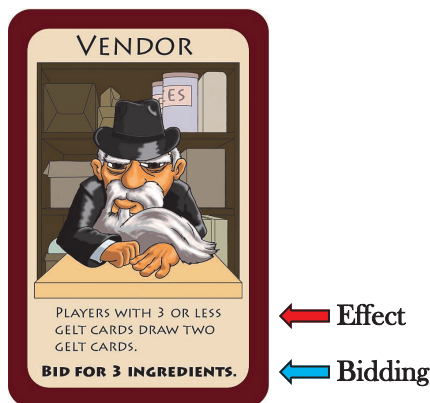
The youngest player begins by drawing a card from the top of the Shuk deck. He places the card face-up on the table and follows its instructions.



Every card in the Shuk deck has an Effect section and a Bidding section.

**Effect:** This is the immediate effect the Shuk card has. Follow the directions on the card.

**Bidding:** Bidding is the main way in which players receive the ingredients they need to complete their recipe. (See “Bidding.”)



After bidding, the Shuk card is placed in a shuk discard pile. Then it's the next player's turn to draw a Shuk card.

**Note:** If a deck ever runs out, shuffle it and continue play.

## BIDDING

The goal of Bidding is to **outbid** the other players for ingredients by using your Gelt cards. Here's how it works:

To start, draw Gelt cards equal to the number of ingredients being bid on. (*For example, if a vendor has 3 ingredients, each player draws 3 Gelt cards.*)

Next, flip over the ingredients themselves and lay them face-up. The ingredients are then bid upon one at a time in the order they were revealed.

(*For example, if the ingredients revealed were Meat, Potatoes, and then Spices, players first bid on the Meat, then the Potatoes, and then the Spices.*)

Bidding works as follows: Players **secretly** decide how many Gelt cards to use, in order to bid on the ingredient in question. There is no limit to how many Gelt cards may be used to bid on a single ingredient.

All players simultaneously reveal the Gelt cards they used to bid. The player with the highest total value wins the ingredient and places it face-up in front of him. *All the Gelt cards that were used to bid are then discarded.*

Yup. Even if you didn't win.

**Note:** In the event of a tie, the player whose turn it is decides who gets the ingredient.

**Note:** If a player uses no Gelt cards to bid, it is considered a bid of 0. (Thus, Chevra cards can still affect the bid.)



## CHEVRA CARDS

Chevra cards are used for one-time effects. They can be played **at any time**, and are discarded after use.

Chevra cards are **purchased** from the Chevra deck at the cost of three gelt per card. Chevra cards can be purchased by any player, even if it's not that player's turn.

Keep in mind, a good Cholent player will use his Chevra cards to increase the total value of his gelt!

## TRADING IN INGREDIENTS

Players can trade in their ingredients **at any time**, even on another player's turn. The ingredient is discarded, and the player takes two Gelt cards.

## WINNING THE GAME

The first player to complete his Cholent Recipe flips over his Recipe card and declares himself the winner. Victory dances are optional, but recommended.

**Note:** Sometimes, players receive ingredients through Chevra cards or Shuk cards. However, the game must be won by successfully winning an ingredient through bidding.



# FAQ

**Q:** *Can you buy a Chevra card at any time?*

**A:** For the most part, yes. There is one exception: You **cannot** buy a Chevra card the moment after bids are revealed, but before the winner is decided.

**Q:** *If I want to buy a Chevra card with a Gelt card that's worth 4, can I take change?*

**A:** No. If you overspend on a Chevra card, you cannot take change.

**Q:** *Let's say I have three Gelt cards, all 2s. My total is 6—can I buy two Chevra cards with this?*

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** *Can your bid be reduced below 0?*

**A:** No.



# GLOSSARY

**Big Macher (Yiddish)** – Big Shot

**Chevra (Hebrew)** - A group of friends

**Chochum (Hebrew)** – A wise person

**Cholent (Yiddish)** – A hearty stew, typically simmered overnight and eaten on the Sabbath

**Ganef (Yiddish)** – Thief

**Golem (Hebrew)** – A mythical being, created from clay, used to protect the Jewish people

**Gelt (Yiddish)** – Money

**Meraglim (Hebrew)** – Spies

**Mishpacha (Hebrew)** – Family

**Morah (Hebrew)** – Female teacher

**Nudnik (Yiddish)** – Pest

**Rebbe (Hebrew)** – Rabbi

**Rebbetzin (Hebrew)** – Rabbi's wife

**Sabah/Zadie (Hebrew/Yiddish)** – Grandfather

**Saftah/Bubby (Hebrew/Yiddish)** – Grandmother

**Schnorer (Yiddish)** – Moocher

**Shabbat (Hebrew)** – Jewish day of rest, which lasts from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday

**Shochet (Hebrew)** – Ritual slaughterer

**Shuk (Hebrew)** - Market

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# Cholent Recipes

**What's the only thing better than cholent?**

**More cholent!**

**Try these new recipes on Shabbos!**

## **Avy's Spicy Moroccan Cholent**

½-1 pound fertl-off (beef shank)  
2 ribs celery, diced  
2 large carrots, diced  
1 small onion, diced  
2 clove garlic, diced  
1 small can chickpeas  
1 small can whole potatoes  
¾ cup barley  
½ tsp black pepper, freshly ground  
½ tsp fennel seed, ground  
½ tsp hot pepper sauce (1 tsp if you like it a little spicier)  
½ tbsp ground mustard  
3 bay leaves  
25-30 oz chicken stock (fill pot until it just covers)

### **Directions:**

- 1) Place fertl-off, carrots, celery, onion, and garlic in the bottom of your cholent pot.
- 2) Then add the rest of the ingredients.
- 3) Cook on low.
- 4) Remove bay leaves before serving the next day.

## **Kap's Cholent Supreme**

½ cup of barley  
1 cup of marinara sauce  
1 pound fertl-off  
½ pound of potatoes  
½ pound of kishke  
½ tsp black pepper  
½ tsp cayenne pepper

### **Directions:**

- 1) Put all the ingredients in the pot, make sure to add kishke last.
- 2) Add Water until the meat is covered.
- 3) Cook on low before serving the next day.