

How to... Light Chanukah Candles

There are eight nights of Chanukah, and we light an additional candle each night, starting with one (plus the *Shamash* or helper candle) and ending with eight (plus the *Shamash*). New candles are added from right to left, but lit from left to right.

After preparing the Chanukah candles, and **before lighting**, recite the following two blessings:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתַי וְצִוֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are you Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who made us holy through the commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה

Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh

Blessed are you Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in those ancient days at this season

On the **first night only**, this additional blessing is added prior to the candle lighting:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחַיֵּנוּ, וְקִיַּמָּנוּ, וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה

Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu, v'kiymanu, v'higiyanu lazman hazeh

Blessed are you Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has given us life and sustained us and enabled us to reach this season

Use the *Shamash* (helper candle) to **light from left to right**, each night starting with the newest candle first.



The following paragraph is said each night, after the first candle has been lit



הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ שְׁאֲנוּ מִדְּלִיקוֹן, עַל הַנְּסִים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל
הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמִּלְחָמוֹת, שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנָה
הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי כֹהֲנֶיךָ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל שְׁמוֹנַת יָמֵי הַחֲנֻכָּה הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ
קֹדֶשׁ הֵם וְאֵין לָנוּ רְשׁוּת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֲלֵא לְרִאוֹתָם בְּלִבָּד, כְּדֵי
לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעָתֶךָ.

Ha-neirot ha-lalu she'anu mad-likin al ha-nissim v'al hanif-laot v'al ha-tshu-ot v'al ha-milchamot she-asita la'avo-teinu ba-yamim ha-heim, ba-z'man ha-zeh, al y'dey kohan-echa hak'doshim. V'chol shmonat y'meiy Chanukah Ha-neirot ha-lalu kodesh heim, V'ein lanu r'shut li-hish-tameish ba-hem, ela lir-otam bilvad k'dei l'hodot u-l'halleil l'shimcha ha-gadol, al ni-secha v'al niflo-techa v'al y'shua-techa.

We kindle these lights for the miracles and the wonders, for the redemption and the battles which You performed for our forefathers In those days at this season Through Your holy priests. During all eight days of Chanukah these lights are sacred and we are not permitted to make ordinary use of them but only to look at them In order to express thanks and praise to Your great Name for Your miracles, Your wonders, and Your salvations.

Ma'oz Tsur

מַעֲזֵז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי לְךָ נֶאֱחָה לְשַׁבַּח.

*Ma-oz Tsur y'shu-ati,
l'cha na-eh l'shabei-ach.*

תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח.

*Tikon beit t'filati,
v'sham toda n'zabei-ach.*

לֵעֵת תִּכְיִן מִצָּר הַמְּנַבַּח.

*L'eit tachin matbei-ach,
mitzar ham'nabei-ach.*

אֶז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּיחַ.

*Az egmor b'shir mizmor,
chanukat hamizbei-ach.*

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