

Chizuk Amuno Congregation

How the lights are kindled:

One candle is lit in the *Hanukkah menorah* for each night. For the first night, one candle, the second night, two candles, and so on until eight candles are kindled on the eighth night. The candle for the first night is placed on the right side of your *Hanukkiyah*. On each subsequent night an additional candle is placed to the left of the preceding night's candle. The lighting proceeds from left to right so that the new candle is kindled first each night. On Friday night the *Hanukkah* lights are lit before the *Shabbat* candles, prior to sunset. On Saturday night, be sure the sun has set before lighting the *Hanukkah* candles.

B'rakhot for *Hanukkah's* Lights

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh haOlam asher kid-sha'nu b'mitz-votav v'tzi-vanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who sanctified us as a people through God's commandments, and commanded us to kindle the lights of *Hanukkah*.

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

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh haOlam, sh'a-sab nisim la'avo-tei-nu ba-yamim ha-hem baz'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors during those days at this season.



On the first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh haOlam, sh'be-he-ya-nu v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laZ'man haZeh.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the Universe, for the gift of our lives, for all that sustains us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

On *Hanukkah* we remember the miracles of faith, of our people's perseverance, and of life's daily wonders. We remember the *Maccabees* and the conflict of ancient days while we honor the victory of faith, and of Judaism's ideals. *Hanukkah's* light represents spiritual strength, not only physical prowess. Our *Hanukkiyot* represent God's light, a path of peace and goodness that must endure for all time.

הַנִּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מְדַלְקִים עַל הַנִּסִּים
וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמִּלְחָמוֹת,
שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזַמַּן הַזֶּה,
עַל יְדֵי כְּהֵנִיף הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל שְׂמוֹנַת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה
הַנִּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קִדְּשׁ הֵם, וְאִין לָנוּ רְשׁוֹת
לְהַשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֲלֵא לְרֵאוֹתָם בְּלִבָּד,
כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל
עַל נִסְיֶךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעָתְךָ.

*HaNerot Hallalu anahnu madlikim, al ha-nisim, v'al ha-nif-
laot, v'al ha-t'shuot, v'al-ha milhamot, she-a'sita-la'avoteinu
ba-ya-mim ha-hem, bazman ha-zeh al y'dei kohanekha
hak'doshim. V'khol sh-mo-nat y'mei Hanukkah haNerot
hallalu kodesh hem, v'ein la-nu r'shut l'hish-ta-mesh ba-hem,
eleh li'rotom bilvad, k'day l'hodot u'l'halel l'Shimkha ha-
Gadol al nisekha v'al niflotekha v'al y'shuatekha.*