



A GUIDE TO LIGHTING THE

Chanukiah חנוכיה



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Rules for lighting the Chanukah Candles

- Chanukah candles must burn for at least half an hour into the night. Oil or wax candles may be used, though oil is preferable, especially olive oil.
- On the first night one light is kindled on the right (as you face it) of the chanukiah.
- On the second night an extra candle is added on the left of the first one and the newly added is lit first. The direction of lighting is left to right. This procedure is continued each night so that on the last night eight are lit.
- Before lighting the chanukiah, two brachot are recited whilst the shamash is held. On the first night there are three brachot as we also say she'hech'i'ya'nu.
- After the first candle is lit Ha'nay'rot Ha'lal'lu is sung and when all the candles are lit Maoz Tzur is sung.
- On Friday evening the Chanukiah is lit before the Shabbat candles. On Friday night the Chanukah candles must be large enough to burn for at least 30 minutes after nightfall.
- On Saturday night, Havdallah must be made before lighting the Chanukah candles.



Brachot (Blessings) for the Chanukah Candles

Before lighting the Chanukah candles, we thank G-d for giving us this special mitzvah, and for the incredible Chanukah miracles:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Ba-ruch A-tah Hashem E-lo-ke-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner shel Cha-nu-kah.

Blessed are You, Lo-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבֹּתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם
בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה

Ba-ruch A-tah Hashem E-lo-ke-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.

On the first night of Chanukah add the following blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה

Ba-ruch A-tah Hashem E-lo-ke-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.



Maoz Tzur

מָעוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי, לְךָ נָאֵה לְשַׁבַּח
תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי, וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח.
לֵעִת תַּכִּין מַטְבַּח מִצָּר הַמְּנַבֵּחַ.
אֶז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּיחַ.

Ma-oz Tzur Y'shu-a-ti Le-cha Na-eh L'sha-bei-ach
Ti-kon Beit T'fi-la-ti V'sham To-da N'za-bei-ach
L'eit Ta-chin Mat-bei-ach Mi-tzar Ham-na-bei-ach
Az Eg-mor B'shir Miz-mor Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-bei-ach

