

## Lighting the Hanukkah Candles

**Candles are lit on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah.** One the first night, two the second, and an additional candle on each subsequent night. The candle for the first night is placed at the far right of the *hanukkiah*; on each subsequent night, another candle is added to the left. An extra candle, designated as the “*shamas*” is lit first, then used to light the others after the blessings are recited.

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>ברוך אתה ה', א-להינו מלך העולם,          אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו          להדליק נר של חנוכה.</b> </p>	<p> <b>Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,          asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu          l'hadlik neir shel Hanukkah.</b> </p>
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Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to light the lights of Hanukkah.

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>ברוך אתה ה', א-להינו מלך העולם,          שעשה נסים לאבותינו,          בימים ההם ובזמן הזה.</b> </p>	<p> <b>Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,          she-asah nisim la-avoteinu,          ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh.</b> </p>
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Praised are you Adonai our God, who rules the universe, accomplishing miracles for our ancestors from ancient days until our time.

On the first night only:

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>ברוך אתה ה', א-להינו מלך העולם,          שהחיינו וקיימנו והגענו לזמן הזה.</b> </p>	<p> <b>Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,          she-heheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh.</b> </p>
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Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

After the candles are lit:

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>הנרות הללו</b>          הנרות הללו אנו מדליקים על הנסים ועל הנפלאות          ועל התשועות ועל המלחמות, שעשית לאבותינו          בימים ההם בזמן הזה,          על ידי כהניך הקדושים.          וכל שמונת ימי חנוכה          הנרות הללו קדש הם,          ואין לנו רשות להשתמש בהם,          אלא לראותם בלבד, כדי להודות ולהלל          לשמך הגדול,          על נסיד ועל נפלאותיך ועל ישועתך.       </p>	<p> <b>Ha-neirot Ha-lalu</b>          Ha-neirot ha-lalu anu madlikim al ha-nisim v'al ha-nifla'ot          v'al ha-t'shu'ot v'al ha-milhamot, she-asita la-avoteinu          ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh,          al y'dei kohanekha ha-k'doshim.          v'khol sh'monat y'mei Hanukkah          ha-neirot ha-lalu kodesh heim,          v'ein lanu r'shut l'hishtameish ba-heim,          ela lirotam bilvad, k'dei l'hodot u-lhaleil          l'shim'kha ha-gadol,          al nisekha v'al nif'otekha v'al y'shu'atekha.       </p>
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These lights which we kindle recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through Your holy Kohanim for our ancestors from ancient days until our time. These lights are sacred through all the eight days of Hanukkah. We may not make use of their light, but are only to look upon them, and thus be reminded to thank and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>מעוז צור</b>          מעוז צור ישועתי, לך נאה לשבת,          תכון בית תפילתי, ושם תודה נזבח,          לעת תכין מטבח, מצר המנבח,          אז אגמר בשיר מזמור, חנכת המזבח.       </p>	<p> <b>Ma'oz Tzur</b>          Ma'oz tzur y'shu'ati, l'kha na'eh l'shabe'ah,          Tikon beit t'filati, v'sham todah n'zabei'ah,          l'eit takhin matbei'ah, mi-tzor hamnabei'ah,          az egmor b'shir mizmor, hanukkat ha-mizbei'ah.       </p>
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Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power. You amid the raging throng were our sheltering tower  
 Furious they assailed us, but Your help availed us. And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.  
 (Translation: G. Gottheil)