

A Hanukkah Home Service



The Shamash candle rests above or to the side of the other candles. It does not count in their number. Use it to light the other candles, holding it in your hand while reciting the blessings. As you face the Menorah, place the first candle at the end to your right. **Add** one more candle each night going from **right to left**, but **light** the candles from **left to right** (the newest one first).

בָּרַךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.
Barukh Attah Adonai Elohenu Melekh HaOlam Asher Kiddeshanu
B'Mitzvotav VeTseevanu L'Hadlik Ner Shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, for making us holy through Your commandments and for commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בָּרַךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הָזֶה.
Barukh Attah Adonai Elohenu Melekh HaOlam
SheAsah Nissim La'Avoteynu BaYamim HaHem Baz'man HaZeh.

Praised are You Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, for performing miracles for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

Recite this blessing only on the first night:

בָּרַךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הָזֶה.
Barukh Attah Adonai Elohenu Melekh HaOlam
SheHeheyanu VeKiymanu VeHiggi'anu LaZeman HaZeh.

Praised are You Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, for keeping us in life, for sustaining us, and for allowing us to reach this season.

Now join in singing:

מַעֲזוֹ צוּר יִשׁוּעָתִי לֵךְ נָאָה לְשִׁבְתִּי, תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תִּפְּלָתִי וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּחַת,
לַעֲת תִּכְיִן מִטְּבַח מִצָּר הַמְּנַבַּח, אִז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּצִיבַח.
Ma'oz Tsur Yeshuati Lekha Na'eh LeShabeyah.
Tikkon Beit Tefillati VeSham Todah NeZabeyah.
L'Et Takhin Matbeyah MiTsar HaMenabeyah
Az Egmor BeSheer Mizmor Hannukkat HaMizbeyah.

*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.*