

# Chanukah Candle Lighting

*Before lighting the Chanukiah*

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְמִצּוֹתָיו.  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה:**

*Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kidd'shanu b'mitsvotav,  
v'tsivvanu l'hadlik neir shel chanukah.*

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, whose commandments make us holy, and who commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. שְׁעִשָּׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בָּיִמִים קָהִם וּבָזְמָן הַזֶּה:**

*Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'asah nissim la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim uva-z'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, who did wonders for our ancestors in those days at this season.

*On the first night add*

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לְזָמָן הַזֶּה:**

*Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu  
v'higgi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, who has kept us alive and supported us and brought us to this season.

*After lighting all the lights for that day on the Chanukiah*

**הַנִּירוֹת הַלְלוּ אָנוּ מִדְלִיקִים עַל הַנֵּסִים וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל  
הַנֶּפְלָאוֹת וְעַל הַנְּחָמוֹת שְׁעִשִּׁית לְאָבוֹתֵינוּ בָּיִמִים הָהֶם וּבָזֶם  
הַזֶּה**

*Ha-neirot hallalu anu madlikim al ha-nissim v'al ha-t'shu'ot v'al ha-nifla'ot v'al  
ha-nechamot she'asita la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim uva-z'man ha-zeh,*

We kindle these lights to commemorate the wonders, the victories and the marvellous and consoling deeds which You performed for our ancestors in those days at this season.

**וְכָל־שְׁמָנִית יְמִי חֲנֻכָּה הַנִּירוֹת הַלְלוּ קָדֵשׁ וְאַין לְנוּ רִשׁוֹת  
לְהַשְׁתְּמִישׁ בָּהֶם אֶלָּא לְרֹאָתָם בַּלְבָד. פְּדֵי לְהֽוֹדוֹת לְשָׁמֶךָ  
עַל־גְּנִיטִיךְ וְעַל־יְשִׁיעָתְךָ וְעַל־נֶפְלָאוֹתְךָ:**

*v'chol sh'monat y'mei chanukah ha-neirot hallalu kodesh, v'ein lanu r'shit  
l'hishtameish ba-hem, ella lir'otam bilvad, k'dei l'hodot l'shimcha al nissecha  
v'al y-shu'atecha v'al nifl'otecha*

During all the eight days of Chanukah these lights are holy and we are not permitted to make use of them, but only to see them in order to thank Your name for the wonders, the victories and the marvelous deeds.

### *Al Ha-Nissim*

**עַל הַנֵּסִים. וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת. וְעַל הַנֶּחָמוֹת  
שְׁעִשִּׁית לְאָבוֹתֵינוּ בָּיִמִים הָהֶם וּבָזֶם הַזֶּה :**

*Al ha-nissim, v'al ha-t'shu'ot v'al ha-nifla'ot, v'al ha-nechamot she'asita  
la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim uva-z'man ha-zeh.*

We thank You for the wonders, the victories and the marvellous and consoling deeds You performed for our ancestors, in those days at this season.

*Ma'oz Tsur*  
(first and last verses)

מְעוֹז צוֹר יִשְׁוַעֲתִי לְךָ נָאָה לְשִׁבָּח  
תְּכֻוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשֶׁם תֹּדֶה נָזְבָּח  
לְעֵת תְּשִׁבְיִת מִטְבָּח מִצְרָא הַמְנַבָּח  
אֶז אֲגָמָר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמָר חֲנַכָּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ :

*Ma'oz tsur y'shu'ati l'cha na'eh l'shabei'ach,  
Tikkon beit t'fillati v'sham todah n'zabei'ach,  
L'eit tashbit matbei'ach mitsar ha-m'nabei'ach,  
Az egmor b'shir mizmor, Chanukat ha-mizbei'ach.*

Fortress, rock who sets me free, how fine it is to sing Your praise.  
When my house of prayer shall be, our offerings of thanks we'll raise.  
the time You end all slaughter, enemies shall falter.  
I'll complete a song to greet and dedicate the altar.

יְנוּנִים נִקְבָּצָו עַלִּי אָזִי בִּימֵי חַשְׁמָנִים  
וַפְּרַצְוּ חֹמוֹת מְגַדְּלִי וַטְּמָאוֹ כָּל-הַשְׁמָנִים  
וַמְנוֹתָר קַנְקָנִים נָעָשָׂה נֵס לְשׁוֹשָׁנִים  
בָּנִי בִּינָה יְמִי שְׁמוֹנָה קָבָעִי שִׁיר וַרְנָנִים :

*Y'venim nikb'tsu alai azai bimei chashmannim,  
Ufar'tsu chomot migdalai v'timm'u kol ha-sh'manim,  
Uminnotar kankanim na'asah neis l'shoshannim,  
B'nei vinah y'mei sh'monah Kav'u shir ur'nanim.*

When the Greeks were gathered round in the Maccabean days,  
broke my towers to the ground, spoilt the oil used for Your praise.  
Your sign guided our fate, one day's oil lasted for eight.  
Our wise men established then this festival we celebrate.

## *I have a Little Dreidel*

I have a little dreidel

I made it out of clay

And when it's dry and ready

Oh dreidel, I shall play

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel

I made you out of clay

And when you're dry and ready

Oh Dreidel we shall play

## *Ocho Kandelikas*

Chorus:

*Una kandelika; dos kandelikas; tres kandelikas, cuatro kandelikas; sintyu  
kandelikas; seis kandelikas; siete kandelikas;  
ocho kandelas para mi*

*Chanukah linda sta aki, ocho kandelas para mi (x2)*

*Muchas fiestas vo fazer, con alegrías i plazer (x2)*

*Los pastelikos vo kumer, con almendrikas y la myel (x2)*

Chorus:

One candle, two candles, three candles, four candles  
five candles, six candles, seven candles, eight candles for me

Beautiful Chanukah is here, eight candles for me

Many parties will be held, with joy and with pleasure

We will eat pastelikos, with almonds and honey