

HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

As I prepare to kindle the Hanukkah lights,

Recalling the miracles and wonders, the battles and the victories performed for our ancestors the Maccabees in times of yore and by the IDF today,

I pause to reflect on my connection to the Jewish people throughout history and around the world,

Who are responsible for me and for whom I am responsible.

As I place my lit hanukkiah by the window,

Proclaiming my Jewish pride for all to see,

Illuminating my home with mitzvot and good deeds,

I pray that our efforts to bring more light to the world will cast out the darkness,

Fulfilling the words of your prophet, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit." (Zechariah 4:6)

Beginning at the far right, put the candles in the hanukkiah from right to left, the direction of Hebrew writing. Light the candles from left to right, so each night you light the newest candle first. If possible, place the hanukkiah in a window, so that it is visible from outside the house.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִיּוּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu
melekh ha-olam, asher kidshanu
b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner
shel Hanukkah.*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu
melekh ha-olam, sheh asah nissim
la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-hem
ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

1ST NIGHT ONLY

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁחֲחִינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu
melekh ha-olam, sheh-heh-heyanu,
v'ki-y'manu, v'higiyanu la-z'man
ha-zeh.*

Praised are You Adonai, our God Who rules the universe, Who made us holy by giving us mitzvot, and commanded us to light the Hanukkah lights.

Praised are You Adonai, our God Who rules the universe, Who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, and in our time.

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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 time of year.



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