

Chanukah Candle Lighting Blessings

Hold the shamash in your right hand and recite the following blessings.

On the first night of Chanukah (or the first time on Chanukah you do this mitzvah), recite all three blessings. On all following nights, say only the first two blessings.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-she-ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner Cha-nu-kah.

Blessed are You, Lord 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, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנוּכָּה

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim bi-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.

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

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-hechi-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

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

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהַגָּעָנוּ
לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

After your light, recite or sing this Chanukah song!

Ha-nei-rot ha-lo-lu o-nu mad-li-kin
Al ha-te-shu-ot ve-al ha-ni-sim ve-al ha-nif-la-ot,
She-a-see-ta la-avo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim biz-
man ha-zeh, Al ye-dei ko-ha-ne-cha ha-ke-do-shim,
Ve-chol she-mo-nat ye-mei cha-nu-kah ha-nei-rot
ha-la-lu ko-desh hem, Ve-ein la-nu re-shut le-hish-ta-
meish ba-hen, E-lo lir-o-tan bil-vad, ke-dei le-ho-dot
u-le-ha-leil le-shim-cha ha-ga-dol. Al ni-se-cha ve-al
nif-le-o-te-cha ve-al ye-shu-o-te-cha.

הַנֵּרוֹת הָלָלוּ שָׂאֵנוּ מְדַלִּיקִין, עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל
הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמִּלְחָמוֹת, שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ
לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי כַּהֲנִידְךָ
הַקְּדוּשִׁים. וְכָל שְׂמוֹנֵת יָמֵי הַחֲנֻכָּה הַנֵּרוֹת הָלָלוּ
קִדְּשָׁנוּ וְאֵין לָנוּ רִשּׁוֹת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֶלָּא
לְרְאוֹתָם בְּלִבָּד, כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל
עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעָתְךָ

We light these lights [to commemorate] the miracles, wonders and salvation which You have performed for our forefathers, in those days at this time, through Your holy priests. Throughout the eight days of Chanukah, these lights are holy, and we are not allowed to make use of them, but only to look at them, in order to offer thanks and praise to Your great Name for Your miracles, for Your wonders and for Your salvations.