

# CHANUKAH

## BLESSINGS



Add candles to the hanukkiyah (menorah) from right to left but light the candles from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. On the Shabbat of Chanukah, first light the candles for Chanukah and then for Shabbat.

Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, and then use the shamash to light the rest of the Chanukah candles. As you do, say or sing:

### ALL NIGHTS:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam, asher kid'shanu  
b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukkah.*

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 Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu  
bayamim hahaeim u-va-z'man hazeh.*

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, accomplishing miracles for our ancestors from ancient days until our time.

### FIRST NIGHT ONLY:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam,  
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.*

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

### AFTER THE CANDLES ARE LIT: MA'OZ TZUR

*Ma'oz tzur y'shu'ati, l'kha na'eh l'shabei'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.*

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.