

MENORAH LIGHTING

GUIDE, BLESSINGS & SONGS



**WISHING YOU A VERY
HAPPY CHANUKAH!**

Valley Chabad

BLESSINGS

Light the Chanukah candles after sunset or after dark.

On Friday, light the menorah before lighting Shabbat candles and on Saturday light after dark.

Kindle one light (the one on the far right) on the first night of Chanukah, two lights on the second night (the two furthest on the right), and so on—until the eighth night, when eight lights are kindled. Use an additional light, the Shamash, to kindle the lights.

Recite the blessings and then kindle the lights. Begin with the newest light, the one farthest to the left.

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אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה**

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-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.

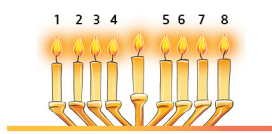
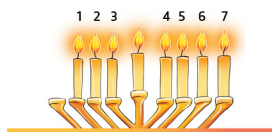
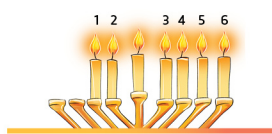
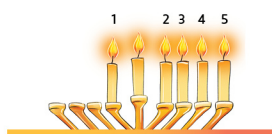
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בִּימֵי הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה**

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech
Ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu
ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-zman ha-zeh.

On the first night of Chanukah (or the first time lighting the menorah this year), add the following blessing:

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה**

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



SONGS

הַנִּירוֹת הֵלְלוּ אֲנִי מִדְּלִיקוֹן עַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת, וְעַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ
לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנָן הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי כְּהֵנִיד הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל שְׂמוֹנֵת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה,
הַנִּירוֹת הֵלְלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הֵם, וְאִין לָנוּ רִשּׁוֹת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶן, אֲלָא לְרֹאוֹתָן בְּלִבְדּוֹ, כְּדִי
לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעוֹתֶיךָ:

We kindle these lights [to commemorate] the saving acts, miracles and wonders 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 sacred, and we are
not permitted 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.

MAOZ TZUR

מֵעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי, לָךְ נָאָה לְשִׁבַּח
תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי, וְשֵׁם תּוֹרָה נִזְבַּח.
לַעֲת תִּכּוֹן מִטְבַּח מִצֵּר הַמִּנְבַּח.
אֶז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּנְבַּח.

Ma-oz Tzur Y'shu-a-ti
Le-cha Na-eh L'sha-bei-ach
Ti-kon Beit T'fi-la-ti
V'sham To-da N'za-bei-ach
L'eit Ta-chin Mat-bei-ach Mi-
tzar Ha-mi-na-bei-ach
Az Eg-mor B'shir Miz-mor
Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-bei-ach

CHANUKAH, OH CHANUKAH

Chanukah, Oh Chanukah,
come light the Menorah
Let's have a party,
we'll all dance the hora
Gather round the table,
we'll all have a treat

Sivivon to play with,
and latkes to eat.
And while we are playing
The candles are burning bright
One for each night,
they shed a sweet light
To remind us of days long ago.
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To remind us of days long ago.

I HAVE A LITTLE DREIDEL

I have a little dreidel
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
Then dreidel I shall play!

(Chorus)

Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
Then dreidel I shall play!

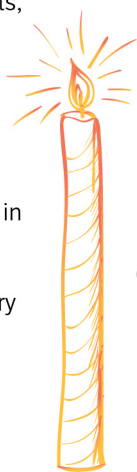
THE OBLIGATION TO ILLUMINATE THE WORLD

An excerpt from a letter by the Lubavitcher Rebbe
Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the victory—more than 2100 years ago—of a militarily weak but spiritually strong Jewish people over the mighty forces of a ruthless enemy that had overrun the Holy Land and threatened to engulf the land and its people in darkness.

The miraculous victory—culminating with the dedication of the Sanctuary in Jerusalem and the rekindling of the Menorah which had been desecrated and extinguished by the enemy—has been celebrated annually ever since during these eight days of Chanukah, especially by lighting the Chanukah Menorah, also as a symbol and message of the triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness.

It is a timely and reassuring message, for the forces of darkness are ever present. Moreover, the danger does not come exclusively from outside; it often lurks close to home, in the form of insidious erosion of time-honored values and principles that are at the foundation of any decent human society. Needless to say, darkness is not chased away by brooms and sticks, but by illumination. Our sages said, “A little light expels



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The Chanukah Lights remind us in a most obvious way that illumination begins at home, within oneself and one's family, by increasing and intensifying the light of Torah and Mitzvos in the everyday experience, even as the Chanukah Lights are kindled in growing numbers from day to day. But though it begins at home, it does not stop there. Such is the nature of light that when one kindles the Chanukah Lights are expressly meant to illuminate the “outside,” symbolically alluding to the duty to bring light also to those who, for one reason or another, still walk in darkness.

What is true of the individual is true of a nation, especially this great United States, united under G-d, and generously blessed by G-d with material as well as spiritual riches. It is surely the duty and privilege of this Nation to promote all the forces of light both at home and abroad, and in a steadily growing measure.

Let us pray that the message of the Chanukah Lights will illuminate the everyday life of everyone personally, and of the society at large, for a brighter life in every respect, both materially and spiritually.



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