

Chanukah Blessings



Candles are added to the *chanukkiyah* ("Chanukah menorah") from right to left, but are lit from left to right so that the newest candle is lit first each night. Use the *shamash* ("the helper candle") to light the rest of the candles while you say or sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ 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 Chanukah.*

Blessed are You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with *mitzvot*, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ
בִּיָּמֵים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנָן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

[Traditionally recited on the first night of Chanukah only]

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

Blessed are You, *Adonai* our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

