

# Chanukah Candle-lighting Blessings

One candle is added to the menorah each night. The first night, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, light only the shammus (the candle in the center) and one Chanukah candle. By the eighth night, all of the candles should be lit. Candles should be added to the menorah from right to left (like Hebrew writing). The shammus candle is lit first. While holding the shammus candle, recite the following blessings.

## Blessing over Candles

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam*

Praised are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ

*asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu*

Who has sanctified us by your commandments and commanded us

לְהַדְלִיק נֵיר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה: (אָמֵן)

*l'had'lik neir shel Chanukah. (Amein)*

to kindle the lights of Chanukah. (Amen)



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## Blessing for Chanukah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam*

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שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה: (אָמֵן)

*She'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim baziman hazeh. (Amein)*

Who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time.



## Shehechyanu (first night only)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam*

Praised are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe

שְׁהִתְיָנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה: (אָמֵן)

*Shehechyanu v'kiymanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh. (Amein)*

who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season. (Amen)



After reciting the blessings, use the shammus to light the Chanukah candles from left to right (newest to oldest.)