

# Kindling the Chanukah Lights

On each of the eight nights of Chanukah, candles are lit, one the first night, two the second, adding one candle each subsequent night. One candle, designated *shamash*, is used to light the others. The first candle, for the first night, is placed on the far-right side of the Chanukah Menorah. Starting on the second night, the candles are lit in order from left to right. The *berakhot* are recited before the candles are lit. It is traditional to put the Menorah in a place that everyone can see it and rejoice in the miracle. The first night of Chanukah begins on Sunday, December 22, 2019, after sundown.

(Recite blessings #1, #2, and #3 on the first night only.)

Recite blessings #1 and #2 the rest of the nights.

On Friday night, December 27<sup>th</sup>, light candles before Shabbat candles, #4)

#1

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק  
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Barukh attah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh Ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe whose mitzvot add holiness to our life and who gave us the mitzvah to light the lights of Chanukah.

#2

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם  
בְּזִמַּן הַזֶּה

Barukh attah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh Ha-olam, sheh-asah nissim la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, and in our time.

#3

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.  
Baruch attah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha-olam, she-heh-cheh-yanu, vikee-yi-manu, vihigi-anu, laz'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day.

#4

On the sixth night recite this blessing for the Shabbat candles after lighting the Chanukah candles.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק  
נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת

Barukh attah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh Ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe whose mitzvot add holiness to our life and who gave us the mitzvah to light the lights of Shabbat.



*Conclude with Ma-otzar-Rock of Ages:*

לְךָ נִצְּאָה לְשִׁבְחֵךְ,	מְעוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי
וְשֵׁם תוֹדָה נִזְבַּחְךָ,	תִּכְפוֹן בֵּית תִּפְלֵתִי
מִצָּר הַמְּנַבְּחֵךְ,	לֵעֵת תִּכְיִן מִטְּבַחֵךְ
חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּזִבְּחֵךְ.	אֲזִ אֶגְמַר בְּשִׁיר מְזִמּוֹר

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.