MENORAH LIGHTING GUIDE

Hanukkah lasts for eight nights, and on each night, we light one more candle than the night before. Arrange the lights in your Hanukkah menorah (also known as a *hanukkiah*) each night starting with the rightmost branches, and one *shamash* (helper candle) light in its place.



Place the menorah where many people can see it, ideally near a window or door.



Light the *shamash*, hold it in your hand and recite the blessings. Using the *shamash*, light the other candles, going from left to right. When you're done, place the *shamash* in its place on the menorah. And enjoy! Sing songs, tell stories, give presents and have fun.

Happy Hanukkah!

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדוֹנָי
אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

Ba-rukh a-tah a-do-nai
e-lo-hei-nu me-lekh ha-o-lam
a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav
ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik
ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments, and commanded us to light the Hanukkah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדוֹנָי
אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukh a-tah a-do-nai
e-lo-hei-nu me-lekh ha-o-lam
she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-tei-nu
ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-ze-man
ha-zeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

Recite the following blessing only on the first night you light the menorah (even if it's not the first night of Hanukkah):

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדוֹנָי
אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukh a-tah ado-nai
e-lo-hei-nu me-lekh ha-o-lam
she-hekh-i-ya-nu ve-ki-ma-nu
ve-hi-gi-ya-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

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Night 1
Friday, Dec. 4



Night 2
Saturday, Dec. 5



Night 3
Sunday, Dec. 6



Night 4
Monday, Dec. 7



Night 5
Tuesday, Dec. 8



Night 6
Wednesday, Dec. 9



Night 7
Thursday, Dec. 10



Night 8
Friday, Dec. 11