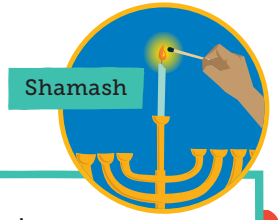
Happy Hanukkah

Lighting the Hanukkah menorah



The candles are placed in the menorah from **right to left**, with one more candle added each night.

Light the *Shamash*, the helper candle, first. Then say two blessings – one for lighting the candles, and one for miracles.



Baruch ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
asher kideshanu bemitzvotav
vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel
Hanukkah

Dear God, Creator of our world, thank You for giving us rules that make our lives special and for teaching us to light these Hanukkah candles.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Amen

Use the Shamash to light the other candles, starting with the newest candle, on the left.

Baruch ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
sheh'asa nisim lavoteinu
bayamim haheim bazman
hazeh

Dear God, Creator of our world, thank you for performing miracles for our ancestors, long ago and now.

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

Amen

If it's the first night of Hanukkah, add a third blessing for celebrating.

Baruch ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
shehecheyanu
vekiyemanu
vehigi'anu
lazman hazeh.

Dear God, Creator of our world, thank you for keeping us alive so we can celebrate this important moment.

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

Amen

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