

# Hanukkah Blessings

Candles are added to the *hanukkiyah* (Hanukkah *menorah*) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On Shabbat, kindle the Hanukkah candles first and then the Shabbat candles.)

Light the *shamash* (helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah candles. As you do, say or sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.*

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Source of the universe, who teaches us ways of holiness, and calls us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים  
לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּיָּמָן (וּבַיָּמִין) הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, sheh-asah nisim la-avoteinu bayamim ha-heim baz'man (uvaz'man) hazeh.*

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Source of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old (and) at this season.

**On the first night only:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַיָּמָן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, sheh-heh-cheh-yanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Source of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.