

# 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 *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.

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 בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנוֹ (or וּבְזִמְנוֹ) הַזֶּה.

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 וְקִיַּמְנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

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.