

# Chanukah Candle-Lighting

*The first two blessings are said with the Shamash already lit, but immediately prior to lighting the Chanukah candles.*

## BLESSING #1

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה. Baruch ata Adonoy Eloheinu melech ha-olam  
asher kid'shanu be'mitzvo'sav  
ve-tzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who made us holy with His commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

## BLESSING #2

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה. Baruch ata Adonoy Eloheinu melech ha-olam  
Shi-asa nee-seem la-avo-seinu,  
Baya-meem ha-haim baz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who made miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

## BLESSING #3

*This blessing is said on the first night only.*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ  
וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה. Baruch ata Adonoy Eloheinu melech ha-olam  
Sheh-he-che-yanu vi-kee-yimanu  
Vi-hee-gee-yanu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

*This paragraph is said each night, after the first light has been kindled.*

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מִדְּלִיקִים עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל  
הַמַּלְחָמוֹת שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה עַל יְדֵי כַּהֲנֵיךְ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים.  
וְכָל שְׂמוֹנֵת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ קִדְּשׁ הֵם וְאִין לָנוּ רְשׁוֹת לְהַשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם אֶלָּא  
לְרְאוּתָם בְּלִבָּד כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל נִסִּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעָתֶךָ.

We kindle these lights for the miracles and the wonders, for the redemption and the battles which You performed for our forefathers in those days at this season through Your holy priests. During all eight days of Chanukah these lights are sacred, and we are not permitted to make ordinary use of them, but only to look at them – in order to express thanks and praise to Your great Name, for your miracles, Your wonders, and Your salvations.