



**Candles are lit on each of the eight nights of Chanukah.** One the first night, two the second, etc...adding one candle each subsequent night. The candle for the first night is placed at the far right of the *chanukiah* (Chanukah menorah), as you face it, and on each subsequent night, another candle is added to the left of the one from the previous night. An extra candle, designated as the *shamash* (helper candle) is usually set apart in some way (higher, off to the side, etc...) is lit first, then used to light the other candles, beginning with the newest candle added, proceeding from left to right. Blessing are recited after the *shamash* is lit, but before the other candles are lit.

**ברוך אתה ייִהוָה קָדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבּוֹתֵינוּ בָּרְגָּדָתָיו וְצִוְּנוּ לְמַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.**

Ba'rooch a'tah Adonai e'lo'hay'no meh'lech ha'o'lahm, a'share keed'd'sha'noo b'meetz'vo'tahv, v'tzee'vah'noo l'had'leek nayr shel Chanukah.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, ruler of the universe, who sanctifies us through mitzvot, by commanding us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

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Ba'rooch a'tah Adonai e'lo'hay'no meh'lech ha'o'lahm, she'a'sa nee'seem la'a'vo'tay'noo ba'yah'meem ha'haym ba'z'man ha'zeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, who worked miracles for our ancestors, in ancient times and in our day.

On the first night only:

**ברוך אתה ייִהוָה קָדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא שֶׁהַחֲיָנוּ וְקִימָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לִזְמָנוֹ הַזֶּה.**

Ba'rooch a'tah Adonai e'lo'hay'no meh'lech ha'o'lahm, she'he'che'yah'noo v'key'y'mah'noo v'hee'gee'ah'noo la'z'mahn ha'zeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, ruler of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day.

After the candles are lit:

**מָעוֹז צֹר יִשְׁוֹעָתִי לְךָ נָאָה לְשִׁבָּח,  
תָּכוֹן בֵּית תִּפְלָתִי וְשֵׁם תֹּזְדָּה נָזְבָּח,  
לְעֵת תִּכְיֹון מִטְבָּח מִאָר הַמִּנְבָּח,  
אָז אָגָּמֶר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמָרָת הַמִּזְבָּחַ.**

Ma'ohz tzoor y'shoo'a'tee l'cha na'eh l'sha'bay'ach, tee'kone bayt t'fee'lah'tee v'shahm to'dah n'za'bay'ach, l'ayt tah'cheen mat'bay'ach mee'tzar hahm'na'bay'ach, az eg'more b'sheer mize'more cha'noo'kat ham'meez'bay'ach.

Rock of ages, let our song praise Your saving power.  
You amid the raging throng, were our sheltering tower.  
Furious they assailed us, but your help availed us.  
And Your word broke their sword, when our own strength failed us.

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