

# חג חנוכה שמח

Chanukah begins:

**December 24, 2016 \* 24 Kislev 5777**



## Kindling the Lights

The candles in your Chanukiah should be placed in a straight row, since no day of Chanukah is superior to another. Only the *Shames*, kindler and guardian of the lights, the 9<sup>th</sup> candle, should stand higher than the others. Place the candles in the Chanukiah from right to left and light them from left to right. If you place your chanukiah in a window visible to the public, the outside viewer should see the candles on the right.

The Chanukah lights should be kindled after dark, except on Friday, when they should be lit **before** the Shabbat candles while it is still light. *According to Jewish tradition this is the way to kindle the lights:*

- \* On the first night place one candle in the Chanukiah at the extreme right.
- \* On the other seven nights: Place the candles from right to left, adding one each night.

*On all nights, light the Shamash and then recite the following two blessings:*

① בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.  
② בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Atah A-do-nay, E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sah nis-sim la-a-vo-te-nu ba-yamin ha-haim u-va-s'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who wrought miracles for our ancestors in the days of old at this time of year.

*Baruch Atah A-do-nay, E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam, asher kidd'-sha-nu b'mits-vo-tav, v'tsi-vanu, l'had-lik ner shel Chanukah.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who sanctifies us by your commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

**The following blessing is added and recited on the first night that you light your chanukiah.**

③ בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמָּנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Ba-ruch Atah A-do-nay, E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-he-yanu, v'ki-yi-manu v'hi-gi-a-nu la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.

## הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ "Hanerot Halalu"

*(Say this after the candles are lit.)*

These lights which we kindle recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through Your holy Kohanim for our ancestors from ancient days until our time. These lights are sacred through all the eight days of Chanukah. We may not make use of their light, but are only to look upon them, and thus be reminded to thank and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

④ הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מְדַלִּיקִים עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמַּלְחָמוֹת. שְׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי כְהֻנָּיִךְ הַקְדוּשִׁים. וְכָל שְׁמוֹנֶת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הֵם וְאֵין לָנוּ רִשּׁוֹת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֶלָּא לְדַאוֹתָם בְּלֶחֶם, בְּדִי לַהֲדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעָתֶךָ.





# Chanukah Songs to Share With Your Family

## "Ma-oz Tzur" מעוז צור

**Ma-oz Tzur** y'shu-ati l'kha na-eh l'shabe-ach,  
Tikon beit t'filati v'sham todah n'zabe-ach,  
L'et takhim matbe-ach mi-tzar ha-m'nabe-ach,  
Az egmor b'shir mizmor Chanukat ha-mizbe-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.  
(2 times)

## Chanukah, oh Chanukah

Chanukah, Oh Chanukah, come light the Menorah  
Let's have a party, we'll all dance the hora  
Gather round the table, we'll all have a treat  
Sivivon to play with, and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing  
The candles are burning bright  
One for each night, they shed a sweet light  
To remind us of days long ago.  
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To remind us of days long ago.

מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבת,  
תכון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזבת,  
לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח,  
אז אנמר בשיר מזמור חנכת המזבח. (2 times)

## Sivivon, sov, sov, sov

Sivivon, sov, sov, sov  
Chanukah, hu chag tov  
Chanukah, hu chag tov  
Sivivon, sov, sov, sov!

*Dreidel, spin, spin, spin.*  
*Chanukah is a great holiday.*  
*It is a celebration for our nation.*  
*A great miracle happened there.*

Chag simchah hu la-am  
Nes gadol haya sham  
Nes gadol haya sham  
Chag simchah hu la-am.



## Chanukah Word Search

Find the words listed below. They are forward,  
backward, up, down and diagonal. Make several copies  
and have a contest to see who can finish first.

CANDLE	CHANUKAH	DREIDEL
EIGHT	GIMEL	HALLEL
HAY	KISLEV	LATKE
MENORAH	NUN	OIL
SHIN	TEMPLE	

G	Z	L	A	T	K	E	N	U	N
E	X	H	A	R	O	N	E	M	T
L	L	I	O	N	U	U	D	L	H
T	H	S	C	P	L	X	T	E	G
T	E	M	P	L	E	N	C	L	I
Y	A	G	I	M	E	L	U	L	E
A	W	C	H	A	N	U	K	A	H
H	L	E	D	I	E	R	D	H	O
C	A	N	D	K	E	S	H	I	N
Z	O	Z	W	V	E	L	S	I	K

## Alternative Chanukah Gift Giving Ideas



Make Chanukah decorations and decorate your home. Then, as a family make your favorite Chanukah dishes, latkes, applesauce, sufganiot, etc.



Take some of your gently used toys and purchase some new ones to take to Children's Mercy Hospital.



Collect and/or purchase diapers and baby formula then donate them to a women's shelter.



Pajama Night - Everyone in the family gets a new pair of pajamas and watches a movie together.



Game Night - Have dinner together then engage in a family Game night. Play dreidel, etc.



Donate to the Food Pantry - Buy your favorite cereal and peanut butter, then donate to your local food pantry.



Bake cookies and give them to your neighbors



Open all of your gifts from grandparents, aunts and uncles as well as immediate family.

**\*\* Teach and encourage your children to view Chanukah as a time for giving. \*\***