

Chanukah Candle Blessings

Baruch atah adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik
neir shel Chanukah

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצותיו
וצונו להדליק נר
של חנוכה.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
she-asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim
bazman hazeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שעשה נסים לאבותינו
בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

(first night only)

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
Shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man
hazeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, by whose Mitzvot we are hallowed, who commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

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

O Chanukah, O Chanukah

O Chanukah, o Chanukah
Come light the Menorah!
Let's have a party,
We'll all dance the Horah.

Gather round the table,
We'll give you a treat,
S'vivon to play with,
And latkes to eat.

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

Maoz Tzur

Ma-oz tzur y'shu-a-ti,
l'cha na-eh l'sha-bei-ach;
ti-kon beit t'fi-la-ti,
v'sham to-da n'za-bei-ach.
L'eit ta-chin mat-bei-ach,
mi-tsar ha-m'na-bei-ach
az eg-mor, b'shir mizmor,
chanukat ha-mizbeiach.

מַעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי.
לְךָ נָאֵה לְשָׁבֶת;
תִּכּוֹן בַּיִת תְּפִלָּתִי,
וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִגַּבְתִּי.
לְעֵת תִּכְיִן מִטְּבַחַי,
מִצָּר הַמְּנַבְּחִי,
אֲז אֶגְמֹר, בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר,
חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּיִחִי.

Rock of Ages

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise Your saving power;
You amid the raging foes,
Were our sheltering tower.

Furious, they assailed us,
But your arm availed us,
And your word
Broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

Children of the Maccabees,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs,
Where You may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing,
Which will see
All be free,
Tyrants disappearing.

The Maccabees

The Maccabees, the Macabees
We are here, we are here,
We are here today.

} 2X

To the Temple yes we say
Fighting for our right to pray
We will win and say hurray!

The Maccabees are here today.
We are here, we are here,
We are here today.
The Maccabees, the Macabees
We are here, we are here,
We are here today.

We'll march along, we'll sing our song
We are here, we are here,
We are here today.

} 2X

To the Temple yes we say
Fighting for our right to pray
We will win and say hurray!

The Maccabees are here today.
We are here, we are here,
We are here today.
The Maccabees, the Macabees
We are here, we are here,
We are here today.

I Have a Little Dreidel

A) I have a little dreidel, I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
Then dreidel I shall play!

Chorus: Oh—dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
Then dreidel I shall play!

B) My dreidel's always playful, it loves to dance and spin
A happy game of dreidel, come play now let's begin!

Chorus: Oh—dreidel, dreidel, dreidel

Ocho Kandelikas

Ha-nu-ka lin-da sta-a-ki
O-cho kan-de-las pa-ra mi 2X

O, u-na kan-de-li-ka,
Dos kan-de-li-kas,
Tres kan-de-li-kas,
Kuat-ro kan-de-li-kas,
Sin-tyu kan-de-li-kas,
Sej kan-de-li-kas,
Sie-te kan-de-li-kas,
O-cho kan-de-las pa-ra mi.

Beau-ti-ful Ha-nu-ka is here
Eight lit-tle can-dles o so dear. 2X

O, one lit-tle can-dle,
Two lit-tle can-dles,
Three lit-tle can-dles,
Four lit-tle can-dles,
Five lit-tle can-dles,
Six lit-tle can-dles,
Se-ven lit-tle can-dles,
Eight lit-tle can-dles, just for me.

In the Window

In the window, where you can see the glow from my menorah

On newly fallen snow.

I will set you, _____ little candle(s)

on this the _____ night of Chanukah.

S'vivon

S'vivon, sov, sov, sov Chanukah hu chag tov!
Chanukah hu chag tov, s'vivon, sov, sov, sov!
Chag simchah hu la-am neis gadol haya sham!
Neis gadol haya sham, chag simchah hu la-am!

סְבִיבוֹן סב סב סב חֲנֻכָּה הוּא חַג טוֹב!
חֲנֻכָּה הוּא חַג טוֹב סְבִיבוֹן סב סב סב
חַג שִׂמְחָה הוּא לְעָם גֵּם גְּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁמוֹ
גֵּם גְּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁמוֹ חַג שִׂמְחָה הוּא לְעָם.

S'vivon, turn, turn, turn
While the lovely candles burn.
What a great holiday;
Watch us sing and watch us play!
Tell the story ev'rywhere,
A great miracle happened there!
It's a festival of light
For eight days and for eight nights!

Not by Might, Not by Power

Not by might and not by power
But by spirit alone shall we all live in peace
The children sing, the children dream
And their tears may fall
But we'll hear them call and another song will rise
Not by might, not by power shalom.

Light One Candle

Light one candle for the Maccabee children
Give thanks that their light didn't die
Light one candle for the pain we endured
When their right to exist was denied.
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice
Justice and freedom demand,
Light one candle for the wisdom to know
When the peacemaker's time is at hand.

Chorus: Don't let the light go out,
 It's lasted for so many years,
 Don't let the light go out,
 Let it shine through our love and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need
To never become our own foe
Light one candle for those who are suffering
The pain we learned so long ago,
Light one candle for all we believe in,
Let anger not tear us apart,
Light one candle to bind us together
With peace as the song in our heart.

Chorus: Don't let the light go out,
 It's lasted for so many years,
 Don't let the light go out,
 Let it shine through our love and our tears.

What is the memory that's valued so highly
That we keep alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
When we cry out, "They've not died in vain!"
We have come this far always believing
That justice will somehow prevail,
This is the burden, and this is the promise,
And this is why we will not fail.

Chorus: Don't let the light go out,
 It's lasted for so many years,
 Don't let the light go out,
 Let it shine through our love and our tears. (3X)

Eight Days of Chanukah

**Once upon a time we had a Temple
Where every Jew would go three times a year
There we worshipped God in our tradition
Till suddenly a tyrant did appear**

**Chorus: Eight days of Chanukah
 Eight days of Chanukah
 We celebrate the Festival of Lights
 Those days in history
 Still live for you and me
 Let's keep the flame
 Forever shining bright.**

**Then at Modin, Mattathias told us,
"Whoever is for God come join our band!"
led by Judah and his faithful brothers
we drove the tyrant from our holy land.**

Chorus: Eight days of Chanukah...

**Then we came to dedicate the Temple
How their hearts were heavy with despair
Impurities and idols all around them
And just one jar of crude oil was there**

Chorus: Eight days of Chanukah...

**But with faith in God we cleaned the Temple
And kindled that small lamp with hope and love
Then the story had a happy ending
Eight days of blessed light came from above**

Chorus: Eight days of Chanukah...