

MONTHLY RESOURCES

FOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS



Hannukiyah Blessings

A Hanukkah menorah is known as a *hanukkiyah*. We light the *hanukkiyah* each evening during *Hanukkah*, using the *shamash* (helper) candle to light the other candles, starting on the far right of the *hanukkiyah*.

Each night for a total of eight nights, we add a candle, lighting the newest (left-most) candle first and continuing to light from left to right. (We add candles to the menorah from right to left, and we light the candles from left to right.)

First Blessing

ברוך אתה אֱדוֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה

*Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam
a-she- ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner Cha-nu-kah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe,
who has sanctified us with commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Second Blessing

ברוך אתה אֱדוֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה

*Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam
she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-zman ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe,
who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this season.

Shehecheyanu for Hanukkah (First Night Only)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיִּיבוּ וְקִיּוּמֵנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה

*Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam
she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe,
who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Maoz Tzur (Traditionally Sung After Candle Lighting)

Hebrew: myjewishlearning.com/article/rock-of-ages-maoz-tzur/

Transliteration and English: jewbelong.com/holidays/hanukkah/hanukkah-songs/rock-of-ages/

Rock of Ages let our song
Praise thy saving power-
Thou amidst the raging foes
Was our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But thine armor veiled us.
And thy word broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.
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When our own strength failed us.

*Maoz tzur y'shuati
l'cha naeh l'shabeach.
Tikon beit t'filati
v'sham todah n'zabeach.*

מְעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי
לְךָ נֹאֵה לְשַׁבַּח
תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי
וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח.

*L'eit tachin matbeach
mitzar hamnabeach.
Az egmor b'shir mizmor
chanukat hamizbeach.
Az egmor b'shir mizmor
chanukat hamizbeach.*

לְעֵת תִּכְיִן מַטְבַּח
מִצָּר הַמְּנַבֵּחַ.
אֵז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר
חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ.

—Author Unknown