



Venture into Hanukkah



The Hanukkah Blessings

Candles are added to the Hanukkiah (menorah) from right to left but are lit from left to right. Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, using it to light the rest. As you do, say or sing:

Blessing 1

<p>ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנכה.</p>	<p><i>Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.</i></p>
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Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Blessing 2

<p>ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו ואמותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.</p>	<p><i>Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.</i></p>
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Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For the First Night Only

<p>ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שהחינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.</p>	<p><i>Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.</i></p>
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Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.