

Hanukkah Blessings over the candles

Candles are added to the hanukkiyah (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.

Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Transliteration: Baruch ata Adonai, Elohenu melech ha-olam asher kideshanu b'mitz-votav, ve-tzivanu le-hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us by His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם
בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Transliteration: Baruch ata Adonai, Elohenu melech ha-olam sheh-asa nisim la-avotenu ba-yamim ha-hem ba-zeman ha-zeh.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our fathers in days of old, at this season.

For first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁחֵחַיָנוּ, וְקִיְמָנוּ, וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Transliteration: Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.
