## First Candle: Eyes of Wonder - Thursday December 10

As we light the first candle and enter the Festival of Hanukkah, we give thanks for arriving at this moment and we acknowledge the blessings and the challenges of this past year. In the radiance of this first light, we give thanks for moments of connection, awareness, kindness, and love and we also honor the experiences of disappointment, sadness, and pain.

As Hanukkah begins, we rededicate ourselves to looking at the world with eyes of wonder and awe. We rededicate ourselves to noticing the blessings and lifting up the good. We do this not to deny hardship but rather to strengthen ourselves and enhance our capacity to bring goodness into the world. On this first night of Hanukkah, we join with the psalmist in saying:

"Open my eyes that I might see the wonders of the unfolding path." (Psalm 119:18)

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CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS
BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.
      BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
      who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.
BARUCH atah, Adonai
                                                             אַלהַינוּ, מַלַדְּ הַעוֹלַם,
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
                                               שַעשַה נָסִים לַאַבוֹתֵינוּ וָאַמּוֹתֵינוּ
she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu
                                                          בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּיִּמַן הַזָּה.
bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.
      BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
      who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.
                                    For first night only
BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh. נַנוּ וָקוּיָמֵנוּ וַהְגִּיעֵנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזָּה.
      BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
      for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.
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#### **Maoz Tzur**

מָעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי, לְךָ נָאֶה לְשַׁבֵּחַ תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי, וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נְזַבֵּחַ. לְעֵת תָּכִין מַטְבֵּחַ מִצְּר הַמְנַבֵּחַ אָז אֵגִמוֹר בִּשִּׁיר מִזמוֹר חַנְכַּת הַמִּזבֵּחַ.

Ma'oz Tzur Yeshu'ati, lekha na'eh leshabe'ah. Tikon beit tefilati, vesham toda nezabe'ah. Le'et takhin matbe'ah mitzar hamnabe'ah. Az egmor beshir mizmor hanukat hamizbe'ah. (2x)

Rock of Ages let our song,
Praise Your saving power.
You amidst the raging foe,
Were our shelt'ring tower.
Furious they assailed us,
But Your arm availed us,
And Your word broke their sword)
When our own strength failed us.) 2x

Children of the Maccabees,
Whether free or fettered,
Raise the echo of your song,
Where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering
That the time is nearing
Which will see all people free)
Tyrants disappearing! ) 2x



The second night of candle lighting is part of our Kabbalat Shabbat service.



As Shabbat ends, the Havdalah candle is lit.

### THE WINE OR GRAPE JUICE

The blessing may be said over wine or grape juice.

Lift the goblet but do not drink until after the Blessing of Separation.

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

borei p'ri hagafen.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

בורא פרי הגפו.

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

THE SPICES

Lift the spice box.

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

borei minei v'samim.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִינֵי בִשְּׁמִים.

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of varied spices.

Circulate the spice box.

THE LIGHT

Raise the Havdalah candle.

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

borei m'orei ha-eish.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהַינוּ, מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מָאוֹרֵי הַאֵשׁ.

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the lights of fire.

### THE BLESSING OF SEPARATION

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol,

bein or l'choshech,

bein Yisrael laamim,

bein yom hashvi-i

l'sheishet y'mei hamaaseh.

Baruch atah, Adonai,

hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֶלֹהַינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמַּבְדִּיל בֵּין קְדֶשׁ לְחוֹל, בֵּין אוֹר לְחְשֶׁךְ, בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי בְּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׁשֶׁת יְמֵי הַמַּעְשֶׂה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, הַמַּבְדִּיל בֵּין קְדֶשׁ לְחוֹל. הַמַּבְדִּיל בֵּין קִדָּשׁ לְחוֹל.

PRAISE TO YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe: who distinguishes between the holy and ordinary, between light and dark, between Israel and the nations, between the seventh day and the six days of work. Praise to You, Adonai who distinguishes between the holy and ordinary.

# Three Candles: Building Bridges - Saturday December 12

On this third night of Hanukkah, we lift up the ways in which we long for our world to be healed. We name and honor people who work for justice. In the light of the candles we pray for the courage, wisdom, and the willingness to reach across our differences and build bridges of connection for the sake of our nation and the world.

We rededicate ourselves to finding common ground.

From the mystery, the Holy One gazes upon humankind to see if there is someone who has the good sense to seek God in all. —Psalm 14:2

## CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

BARUCH atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בָּרֹוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיוּ וָצְנֵנוּ לִהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל וּ

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu

bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, שֶׁעֶשָּׁה נִפִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמֵן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

# **Light One Candle**

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

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 hope and our tears. (2) Light one candle for the strength that we need
To never become our own foe
And light one candle for those who are suffering
Pain we learned so long ago
Light one candle for all we believe in
That anger not tear us apart
And light one candle to find us together
With peace as the song in our hearts

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 hope and our tears. (2)

What is the memory that's valued so highly
That we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
That we cry out they've not died in vain?
We have come this far always believing
That justice would somehow prevail
This is the burden, this is the promise

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 hope and our tears. (2)
This is why we will not fail!
Don't let the light go out!
Don't let the light go out!
Don't let the light go out!



## Four Candles: Gratitude for Creation - Sunday December 13

As we light the candles welcoming the fourth night of Hanukkah, we rededicate ourselves to caring for the earth. In the beauty of the flames, we remind ourselves that we live in an interdependent relationship with all beings, with all life. We affirm that this living, breathing planet nurtures and sustains us and that everything we do affects the well being of all. On this fourth night of Hanukkah, as we light the candles, we give thanks for creation, and we honor places that offer us beauty and refuge.

Bless the Mysterious, Infinite Unfolding of all, my soul. —Psalm 104:1

#### CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

BARUCH atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav

v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהַינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וִצְנֵנוּ לִהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu

bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

**בַּרוּ**ךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹחֵינוּ, מֱלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם,

שֶׁעֶשָּׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּוּמֵן הַזֵּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

## I Have a Little Dreidel

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

Oh, dreidel, dreidel I made it out of clay And when it's dry and ready Then, dreidel I will play.

It has a lovely body
With legs so short and thin
And when it gets all tired
It drops and I will win.

Oh, dreidel, dreidel I made it out of clay And when it's dry and ready Then, dreidel I will play.

My dreidel is so playful It loves to dance and spin A happy game of dreidel Come play now, let's begin.

Oh, dreidel, dreidel I made it out of clay And when it's dry and ready Then, dreidel I will play.



## Five Candles: Honoring Our Own Gifts - Monday December 14

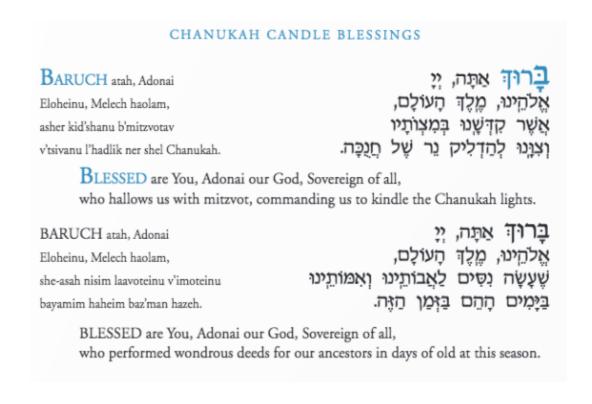
As we enter the fifth day of Hanukkah, we rededicate ourselves to acknowledging that the Sacred Presence shines in every being. There are some people whose light shines so brightly—and there are others whose actions make it impossible to see even a sliver of goodness in them. On this fifth night of Hanukkah, we honor the lights we each offer to the world. And we honor our own lights: the talents and gifts we bring through the uniqueness of who we are.

It is sometimes challenging to acknowledge our own gifts and blessings. In the light of the Hanukkah candles, we remind ourselves that the world needs our light.

The world is made whole as we each offer what is ours to give.

As we light the flames, we reflect on some of the gifts we offer and set an intention that, as the candles burn, they clear away anything that is in the way of our light shining through.

To all that is I lift my hands. —Psalm 63:5



### **Banu Choshech**

באנו חושך לגרש בידינו אור ואש כל אחד הוא אור קטן וכולנו אור איתן

Banu choshech legaresh, beyadeinu or va'esh. Kol echad hu or katan, vekulanu or eitan.

Light is returning,
even 'though this is the darkest hour.
No one can hold back the dawn.
Let's keep it burning
Let's keep the light of hope alive
Make safe our journey through this world.



באנו חושך לגרש בידינו אור ואש כל אחד הוא אור קטן וכולנו אור איתן

Banu choshech legaresh, beyadeinu or va'esh. Kol echad hu or katan, vekulanu or eitan.

> סורה חושך, הלאה שחור סורה מפני האור סורה חושך, הלאה שחור סורה מפני האור

Surah choshech, hal'ah sh'chor! Surah mipnei ha'or! Surah choshech, hal'ah sh'chor! Surah mipnei ha'or! One planet is turning
Circling on her path around the sun
Earth mother is calling her children home
Light is returning (8x)

סורה חושך, הלאה שחור סורה מפני האור סורה חושך, הלאה שחור סורה מפני האור

Surah choshech, hal'ah sh'chor! Surah mipnei ha'or! Surah choshech, hal'ah sh'chor! Surah mipnei ha'or!

[We come to pursue the night, in our hands are fire and light There's some light in everyone, put together the flame is strong Turn away the dark of night, turn away before the light!]



## Six Candles: Interconnection - Tuesday December 15

We welcome the sixth night of Hanukkah by honoring the interconnection of all life. As we light the candles, we acknowledge that the choices our ancestors made helped to create this very moment, and the choices we make will help to create the lives of people we will never know. In the illumination of the flames, we rededicate ourselves to living with the awareness of interdependence. With each candle, we think of an example of wisdom or guidance that we have received from our ancestors, our companions, and/or from someone whose life touched us for a moment. And we also remember that often, even with out knowing it, we are guides for each other.

Send forth your light and your truth, they will guide me. —Psalm 43:3

#### CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

BARUCH atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzyotay

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v'tsiyanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בְּרוֹדְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֶלֹחֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, אַשֶּׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו צְנֵנוּ לִחַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל חַנַכַּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu

bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּו וּן: אַתָּה, יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעֶשָּה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיַּמִים הַהֵּם בַּזְּמֵן הַזָּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

## Happy Joyous Hanukkah

How many nights for Hanukah? - Happy joyous Hanukah! Nights and days, days and nights, Happy joyous Hanukah!

### Chorus:

Eight are the nights of Hanukah - Happy joyous Hanukah! Eight are the days, and eight are the nights - Happy joyous Hanukah!

How many candles do I light? - Happy joyous Hanukah! Eight are the candles you should light For a Happy joyous Hanukah!

## Chorus

One for Moses on the Mount - Happy joyous Hanukah! Two for the mother and father love - Happy joyous Hanukah!

## Chorus

Three for the Books that Ezra taught - Happy joyous Hanukah! Four's for the Hebrew children - - Happy joyous Hanukah!

## Chorus

Five for the Brothers Maccabee - Happy joyous Hanukah! Six for the tricks the King did play - Happy joyous Hanukah!

## Chorus

Seven for the sons of Hannah that died - Not so happy Hanukah... Eight for the newbuilt alter place - Happy joyous Hanukah!

### Chorus

Nine is the light of God that shines - Happy joyous Hanukah! Around this whole wide world tonight - Happy joyous Hanukah!

## Chorus

Nine is for God's light that shines
Eight for the new built alter place
Seven for the sons of Hannah that died
Six for kings and the tricks they tried
Five for the brothers Maccabee
Four for the Hebrew children
Three for the Books that Ezra taught
Two for the father and mother love
One for Moses on the Mount

Eight are the night of Hanukah - Happy joyous Hanukah! Eight are the days and eight are the nights - Happy joyous Hanukah!



## Seven Candles: Lifting Up Joy - Wednesday December 16

On this seventh night of Hanukkah, we welcome the new month of Tevet and we rededicate ourselves to celebration and joy. It can be so easy to become overwhelmed and caught in despair by what is going on in this country and throughout the world. Without denying this reality, we lift up the delights of life.

Naming and noticing moments of joy, finding reasons to celebrate, joining in laughter and play strengthens and renews us. It gives us energy and increases our capacity to deal well with whatever we encounter. Embracing joy honors life and inspires new possibilities and direction. As we light the candles, we name and illuminate delights we have experienced and joys we have shared.

This is the day the One has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24

## CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tsiyanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהַינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִנָנוּ לִהַדְלִיק גֵר שֵׁל חַנֻכָּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu
bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעֶשָּׁה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּיְּמֵן הַיֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

### Sevivon



סֵבִיבוֹן סב סב סב חנכּה הוא חג טוב חנכּה הוא חג טוב סֵבִיבוֹן סב סב סב

חַג שִּׂמְחָה הוּא לַעָם נֵס גָדוֹל הָיָה שָם נֵס גָדוֹל הָיָה שָם חַג שִׂמִחָה הוּא לַעָם

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

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

Dreidel, spin, spin, spin Chanukah is a great holiday. Chanukah is a great holiday. Dreidel, spin, spin, spin.

[A holiday of happiness it is for the people. A great miracle happened there. A great miracle happened there. A holiday of happiness it is for the people.]



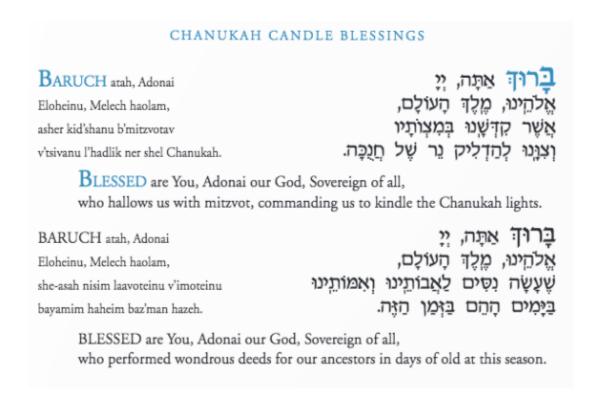
## Eight Candles: Rededication - Thursday December 17

As we come to the eighth and final night of Hanukkah and the fullness of the light, we rededicate ourselves to living and acting in alignment with our highest values. We focus attention on all that we love; we raise up our ideals and visions and set an intention to let these lights shine.

In the lights of the eighth night of Hanukkah, we commit to act with love for justice, for dignity, and peace. We commit to acting even when so much has been lost. We commit to acting, not knowing if our actions will be successful. We will act for the sake of the rightness of the action itself. We will act for connection. We will act for the sacred. We will act in honor of all that we love and value.

Let the lights of the season guide us. Let the Sacred Mystery hold us. And let the love that flows through all creation bring us comfort, inspiration, and strength.

Come let us walk together in the light of the One. —Isaiah 2:5



#### **Ochos Kandalikas**

Hanukah linda sta aki Ocho kandelas para mi Hanukah linda sta aki Ocho kandelas para mi, oh

> Una kandelika, dos kandelikas Tres kandelikas, kuatro kandelikas Sintyu kandelikas, sej kandelikas Siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi

Muchas fiestas vo fazer Kon alegria i plazer Muchas fiestas vo fazer Kon alegria i plazer

> Una kandelika, dos kandelikas Tres kandelikas, kuatro kandelikas Sintyu kandelikas, sej kandelikas Siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi

Los pastelikos vo kumer Kon almendrikas i la myel Los pastelikos vo kumer Kon almendrikas i la myel, oh

> Una kandelika, dos kandelikas Tres kandelikas, kuatro kandelikas Sintyu kandelikas, sej kandelikas Siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi

[Beautiful Hanukkah is here, eight candles for me.

O-One little candle, two little candles, three little candles, four little candles, five little candles, six little candles, seven little candles, eight candles for me.

Many parties to have, with happiness and pleasure. Little pastries to eat, with little almonds and honey.]

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