



# Chanukah Prayers & Songs



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# CHANUKAH BLESSINGS



Candles are added to the Chanukiyah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Light the *Shamash* - the helper candle set higher or lower than all the rest of the candles - first using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights; say or sing:

-----*First Blessing to recite*-----

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

*Barukh atah Adonai, Elohaynu, melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'had'lik neir shel Chanukah.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe. You hallow us with Your Mitzvot and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

-----*Second Blessing to recite*-----

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, she'asa nisim l'avotainu bayamim hahaim baz'man hazeh.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe. You showed wonders to our fathers and mothers in days of old, at this season.

-----*Third Blessing to recite (only on the first night)*-----

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

*Barukh atah Adonai, Elohaynu, melekh ha-olam she-hecheeyanu v'keey'manu v'heegeeyanu la-z'man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this season.

*We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.*



## Ma-Oz Tzur



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.) 2x

*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 taw-cheen mat-bei-ach  
 Mee'tzar ha-m'na-bei-ach  
 (Az eg-mor,  
 b'shir miz-mor,  
 Cha-nu-kat ha-miz-bei-ach.) 2x*

מְעוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי,  
 לְךָ נִאֶה לְשִׁבְחָךְ,  
 תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי,  
 וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח.  
 לְעֵת תִּכְיִן מִטְּבַח  
 מִצָּר הַמְּנַבֵּחַ,  
 (אֲז אֶגְמַר,  
 בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר,  
 חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּיחַ.) 2x



## 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!

It has a lovely body  
 With legs so short and thin  
 And when my Dreidel's tired  
 It drops and then I win!

My Dreidel's always playful  
 It loves to dance and spin  
 A happy game of Dreidel  
 Come play now, let's begin!

Oh Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel  
 I made it out of clay  
 And when it's dry and ready  
 Then Dreidel I shall play!

Oh Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel  
 I made it out of clay  
 And when it's dry and ready  
 Then Dreidel I shall play!

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 Then Dreidel I shall play!



## Chanukah, Oh Chanukah



Oh Chanukah, oh Chanukah, come light the Menorah,  
 Let's have a party, we'll all dance the hora.  
 Gather round the table, we'll give you a treat.  
 Sevivon to play with, 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;  
 One for each night, they shed a sweet light,  
 To remind us of days long ago.





## Sevivon



Sevivon, sov, sov, sov,  
 Chanukah hu chag tov.  
 Chanukah hu chag tov.  
 Sevivon, sov, sov, sov.  
 Chag simcha hu la-am.  
 Nes gadol haya sham.  
 Nes gadol haya sham.  
 Chag simcha hu la-am.

סְבִיבוֹן סב, סב, סב!  
 חֲנֻכָּה הוּא חַג טוֹב.  
 חֲנֻכָּה הוּא חַג טוֹב.  
 סְבִיבוֹן סב, סב, סב!  
 חַג שְׂמֵחָה הוּא לְעָם.  
 נֶס גְּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁם.  
 נֶס גְּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁם.  
 חַג שְׂמֵחָה הוּא לְעָם.

*(Dreidel, spin. Chanukah is a good holiday. It is a happy holiday for everyone. A great miracle happened there.)*

## Not By Might

Not by might and not by power  
 but by spirit alone,  
 shall we all live in peace.

Not by might,  
 not by power,  
 Shalom

The Children sing the children dream.  
 And their tears may fall,  
 but we hear them call  
 and another song will rise (3 times)



## Light One Candle



Light one candle for the Maccabee children.  
 Give 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.  
 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 hopes and our fears.  
 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 hearts.

