



How to Light the Chanukah Candles

Each year, it is hard to remember how to light the Chanukah candles. Here are two helpful video guides which answer the questions that many of us have every year as to how to light the Menorah.

Below the videos there is a transliterated version of the Brachot for lighting the Chanukah candles.

This first video is a brief (under 2 minutes) guide showing the correct direction to light the candles along with the associated Brachot.

This second video is a longer exploration of Chanukah candle lighting featuring some interesting ideas as well as a full rendition of Moaz Tzur.

Transliteration version:

Light the "shamash" (spare candle) and then recite the following berachot (blessings):

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam; asher kideshanu bemitzvotav; vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah (all others present respond: Amen)

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam; sheh'asa nisim le-avoteinu bayamim ha-haim, bazeh-man ha-zeh (all others present respond: Amen)

Say the following beracha only the first time that you light Chanukah candles each Chanukah

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam; sheh-hech-eyanu vekiyeh-manu vehig'ee'anu laze-man ha-zeh (all others present respond: Amen)

Then light the first candle for the particular night. As you light the additional candles for each night recite or sing the following:

Hanairot Halau anachnu madlikin; al hanisim ve'al ha-teshuot ve'al ha-niflaot; sheh-asita la'avoteinu, al-y'day cohanecha ha-kedoshim. Ve-chol sheh-monat ye-may Chanukah; hanairot halalu kodesh haim; ve'ayn lah-nu reshut lehistamiash ba-hem el'ah lir-otam bil-va; ke-day le-hodot le-shimcha al nis-eh-cha ve'al ye'shu'ateh-cha ve'al nif-leh-ot-echa.

After you have finished lighting all of the candles, sing the following, "Ma-oz Tzur":

Ma-oz Tzur yesh-oo-ati, le'cha nah-eh le-shah-bay-ach; tikon beit tefilati ve-sham todah ne-zah-bay-ach; le-ait ta-chin mat-bay-ach, mi-tzar ham-eh-nah-bay-ach; az egmor be-shir mizmor, chanu-kat ha-miz-bay-ach.

Ra-ot sahv-eh-ah naf-shi, be-yagon ko-chi cha-lah; chay-ay may-re-ru be-kooshi be-shibud malchut eglah; uv-ya-do ha-ge-dolah, ho-tzi et ha-seg-ula; chayl par'o, ve-chol zah-ro, yar-eh-du ke-even metz-ula.

Deh-vir kod-sho heh-vee-ah-nee; ve-gam sham lo shah-ka-te-ti; u-va-noh-gais ve-hig-lah-nee ki zah-rim ah-vad-eh-tee; ve'yayn rah-al ma-sach-ti, ki-mat sheh-avarti; kai-tz ba-vel Zeh-roo-ba-vel, le-kaitz shiv'im noh-shah-tee.

Keh-rot koh-mat beh-rosh bi-kaitz ah-ga-gi ben ha-meda-ah-ta; veh-niy-ah-ta lo le-mok-aish vega'av'ato nish-bah-tah; rosh ye-mee-nee nih-say-tah ve'oh-yayv sheh-moh ma-chee-tah; rov bah-nav ve-kin-yah-nav al ha-aitz tah-li-tah.

Yeh-vah-nim nik-betz-oo ah-ly az-aye bee-may chash-mah-nim; oo-fah-rehtzu choh-mot mig-dah-ly veh-ti-me-oo kol chash-mah-nim; oo-mee-noh-tar kan-kan-nim nah-ah-sah nais leh-shoh-shah-nim; beh-nay vee-na yeh-may-sheh-monah, kah-veh-oo shir ur-nah-ah-nim.

<p>חנכה 209 Chanukkah</p> <p>חנכה Chanukkah</p> <p>Each night of Chanukkah we add one extra light, starting from the right. We light the new candle first, lighting from left to right.</p>  <p>The person lighting the חנכה (the Chanukkah menorah) holds the ספר in their right hand and שש (SPS) in their left.</p> <p>ברוך אתה יהוה אלקינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנכה.</p> <p>Blessed are You, Hashem our God, King of the universe, who has made us holy with His commandments and has commanded us to light the Chanukkah lights.</p>	<p>Jerusalem Day 208 יום ירושלים</p> <p>יום ירושלים Jerusalem Day</p> <p>יום ירושלים is celebrated the day in 1967 when Jerusalem once again became a united city. Now we can freely pray at the Kotel (at Ma'arot), the Western Wall of the Temple.</p> <p>In the morning, we say שיר תהלים (Psalm 136), which we also say before תפילת מוסף on page 217 and תפילה, a prayer of thanks, is on page 156. The Prayer for the State of Israel is on page 154.</p> 
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	<p>➔ After lighting the first light each night we sing:</p> <p>הַנְּרוֹת הַלְלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ סִדְלִיקִין עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַנִּסְלָאוֹת. שְׁעִשִּׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ עַל יְדֵי בְהִנְיָה הַקְּדוּשִׁים, וְקִלְשָׁמֶנֶת יְסִי חֲנֻכָּה, הַנְּרוֹת הַלְלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הַסֵּם, וְאִין לֵנו רְשׁוֹת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֲלֵא לְרֵאוּתָם בְּלִבְדּוֹ, כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת לְשִׁמְךָ עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעֶיךָ וְעַל נִסְלָאוֹתֶיךָ.</p> <p>▷ We light these lights to remind us of the miracles, the rescues and the wonders which You performed for our fathers by the hands of Your holy priests. All through the eight days of Chanukah, these lights are holy and we are not allowed to make any use of them, apart from looking at them. In this way we thank and praise You for Your miracles, rescues and wonders.</p> <p>① The first verse of this song describes the restoration of the מִצְדֵי הַשְּׁמִיטָה. The next four verses speak of four times in Jewish history when Hashem saved us: Egypt, Exile in Babel, Purim and Chanukah.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>לך נאה לשבח.</td> <td>מַעֲוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי</td> </tr> <tr> <td>וְשֵׁם תוֹדָה נִזְכָּר.</td> <td>חֲבוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי</td> </tr> <tr> <td>מִצַּד הַמַּגִּנָּה.</td> <td>לַעֲת תִּבְיִן מִטְּבַח</td> </tr> <tr> <td>חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּזֻבָּח.</td> <td>אֲזָ אֲנַמְּרוּ בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר</td> </tr> </table> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>בְּיָמֵינוּ כֹּהֵל קִלְעוֹן</td> <td>רְעוֹת שְׂכָרְךָ נִסִּי</td> </tr> <tr> <td>בְּשַׁעֲבֹד מַלְכוּת עֲגָלָה.</td> <td>חַי מְרֹדוֹ קְדוּשָׁתִי</td> </tr> <tr> <td>הוֹצֵיא אֶת־הַקְּסֵלָה.</td> <td>וּבְיַד הַגְּדוּלָּה</td> </tr> <tr> <td>יְרֵדוּ כַּאֲבֹן מִצִּיּוֹן.</td> <td>חַיִּל פְּרִיעָה וְקִלְיָרְעוֹ</td> </tr> </table>	לך נאה לשבח.	מַעֲוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי	וְשֵׁם תוֹדָה נִזְכָּר.	חֲבוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי	מִצַּד הַמַּגִּנָּה.	לַעֲת תִּבְיִן מִטְּבַח	חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּזֻבָּח.	אֲזָ אֲנַמְּרוּ בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר	בְּיָמֵינוּ כֹּהֵל קִלְעוֹן	רְעוֹת שְׂכָרְךָ נִסִּי	בְּשַׁעֲבֹד מַלְכוּת עֲגָלָה.	חַי מְרֹדוֹ קְדוּשָׁתִי	הוֹצֵיא אֶת־הַקְּסֵלָה.	וּבְיַד הַגְּדוּלָּה	יְרֵדוּ כַּאֲבֹן מִצִּיּוֹן.	חַיִּל פְּרִיעָה וְקִלְיָרְעוֹ			
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