



CHANUKAH SERVICE FOR THE HOME



A *Chanukiyah* (Chanukah Menorah) has space for nine candles. The one that is higher than the others is for the *Shamash* ("helper" or "server"), which is our source of light and used to light the other candles. In the Ashkenazic tradition candles are put in the Menorah from right to left (the ones representing the oldest days first). The candles are lighted from left to right (the ones representing the newest days first). On the first night of Chanukah, one candle is put in the *Chanukiyah* and lit using the *Shamash*. On the second night, two candles are put in, and one more candle is added every night until eight are in the *Chanukiyah* and lit on the eighth night. Light the *Shamash*, then say the blessings below before lighting the rest of the candles for each night. On the first night, say all three blessings below. On the rest of the nights, say only the first two blessings. After the candles are lit, you may continue with readings, songs, food and games. When lighting candles on Friday night, be sure to light Chanukah candles first and then the Shabbat candles before sundown.

BLESSINGS:

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

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-o-lam, a-sher
kid-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l-had-lik ner shel Ha-nu-kah.

*Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with
commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים
הֵהָם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam, she-'a-sa nis-sim la-avo-tei-nu ba-
ya-mim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh.

*Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who did wondrous things for our
ancestors at this season in those days.*

First night only:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחְיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן
הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam, she-he-he-ya-nu v'ki-y'-ma-nu
v'hi-gi-ya-nu la-z'man ha-zeh.

*Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who gave us life, sustained us, and
permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.*