

# Lighting the Chanukiah

Every home should have its own *Chanukiah*. There are a wide variety of *chanukiot* styles. It is not necessary that all eight lights of a *chanukiah* are in a straight row, but all eight candles must be the same height.

The entire family should participate in the lighting of the *Chanukiah*. In some families, it is customary for each family member to have their own *Chanukiah*.

On the first night of Chanukah, the *shamash* is lit first. Using the *shamash*, the candle on the extreme right is lit. On the second night, two candles are lit. The new candle is lit first and then the one to its right. In other words, the candles are put in from right to left, but they are lit from left to right. This pattern continues throughout Chanukah to show that each day the miracle became greater. Chanukah candles are not supposed to be used for any other purpose, as they are a symbol of the miracle of these days.

The first Chanukah candle is lit on the evening of **Tuesday December 12, 2017**.



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## Chanukah Blessings

***Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu,  
melech ha'olam, asher kideshanu  
bemitzvotav vetzivanu  
lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.***

1. We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

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

***Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu,  
melech haolam, she'asah  
nisim la'avoteinu bayamim  
hahem bazeman hazeh.***

2. We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed wonders to our fathers/ mothers in days of old, at this season.

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

***Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu,  
melech haolam, shecheyanu  
vekiyemanu vehigianu  
lazeman hazeh.***

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

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,  
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ  
וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ  
לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

**On the first night of Chanukah all three blessings are said.**

**On all other nights of Chanukah only Blessings number 1 and 2 are recited**