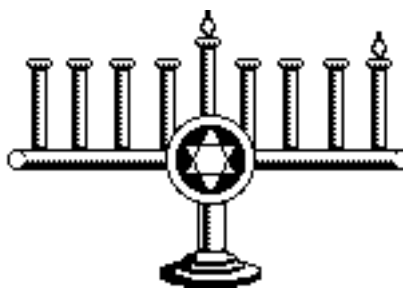


# בְּרָכוֹת לְחֲנֻכָּה

## **Blessings for Hanukkah**

(Including Blessings and Scripture for Each Night)



## First Night

Each night light the Shammash (helper) candle first, then, insert the candle for the first night on the far right of hanukkiah and light it. Each night add a new candle, lighting the Shammash first, then the candle for the night, and then each candle for previous nights, lighting left to right (the hanukkiah on each page in this booklet is numbered to show the order of lighting). Let the candles burn until they go out.

ברוך אתה יהוה  
אלהינו מלך העולם  
אשר קדשנו במצותיו  
וצונו  
לשמח בחסדו

Blessed are You, Adonai  
*Baruch ata Adonai*  
our God, King of the Universe,  
*Eloeinu melech ha-olam*  
who sanctified us in His mitzvot  
*asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav*  
and commanded us  
*v'tzivanu*  
to rejoice in His steadfast love.  
*lis-mo-ach b'chasdo.*

ברוך אתה יהוה  
אלהינו מלך העולם  
שעשה נסים לאבותינו  
בימים ההם בזמן הזה

Blessed are You, Adonai  
*Baruch ata Adonai*  
our God, King of the Universe,  
*Eloeinu melech ha-olam*  
Who did miracles for our fathers  
*she-a-sa nisim la-avoteinu*  
in those days, at this season.  
*bayamim ha-hem baz-man haze.*

(This blessing is said on the first night only)

ברוך אתה יהוה  
אלהינו מלך העולם  
שהחנינו וקימנו  
והגיענו לזמן הזה

Blessed are You, Adonai  
*Baruch ata Adonai*  
our God, King of the Universe,  
*Eloeinu melech ha-olam*  
Who sustained us, established us,  
*she-he-chi-yanu v'ki-y'manu*  
and brought us to this season.  
*v'hi-giyanu lazman ha-ze.*

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מַדְלִיקִים	We kindle these lights
עַל הַנִּסִּים	<i>Ha-neirot ha-lalu anachnu madlikim</i> to commemorate the miracles
וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת	<i>al ha-nisim</i> and the wonders
וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמְּלָחֳמוֹת	<i>v'al ha-nif-la-ot</i> and the victories and the triumphs
שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ	<i>v'al ha-t'shu-ot v'al ha-mil-cha-mot</i> which You did for our fathers
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה	<i>she-asita la-avoteinu</i> in those days at this season
עַל יְדֵי כֹהֲנֶיךָ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים	<i>bayamim ha-hem baz-man ha-ze</i> by the hand of Your holy priests.
וְכָל שְׁמוֹנֶת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה	<i>al y'di ko-hanecha ha-q'doshim</i> For all eight days of Hanukkah
הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הֵם	<i>v'chol sh'monat y'mei cha-nu-ka</i> these lights are set apart
וְאֵין לָנוּ רִשּׁוּת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם	<i>ha-neirot ha-lalu kodesh hem</i> and it is forbidden to use them
אֶלָּא לְרְאוֹתָם בְּלֹבֵד	<i>v'ein lanu rishut l'hish-ta-meish</i> for anything except to look at them
כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל	<i>e-la lirotam bil-vad</i> in order to give thanks and to praise
לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל נִסֶּיךָ	<i>k'dei l'hodot ul-ha-leil</i> Your great Name for Your miracles
וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ	<i>l'shim-cha hagadol al ni-secha</i> and Your wonders
וְעַל יְשׁוּעוֹתֶיךָ	<i>ve-al nif-l'otecha</i> and Your acts of salvation.
	<i>v'al y'shu-a-techa.</i>

"And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day."

"Then God said, let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth; and it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good." Gen. 1:2-5; 14-18

## מַעֲזוֹ צוּר

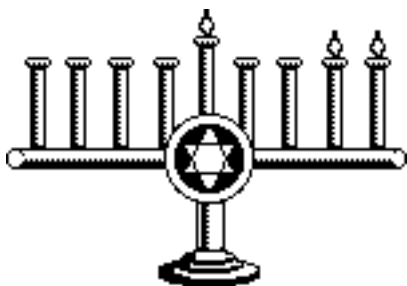
(Rock of Ages)

מַעֲזוֹ צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי	Rock of Ages, saving power
לְךָ נָאֵה לְשַׁבַּח	<i>Ma-oz tzur y'shuati</i> to You it is right to give praise,
תִּכְוֶן בֵּית תְּפִילָּתִי	<i>l'cha na-e l'sha-bei-ach</i> You will establish a House of Praise
וְשָׁם תִּזְכֶּה נְזִיבָה	<i>tokon beit t'filati</i> and there we will offer thanksgiving.
לַעֲת תִּכְיֶן מַטְבֵּיחַ	<i>v'sham todah n'za-bei-ach</i> In time of disaster You provided
מִצָּר הַמְּנִיבָה	<i>l'eit ta-chin mat-bei-ach</i> refuge from the enemy
אֲז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר	<i>mitzar ha-m'na-bei-ach</i> Thus I come singing a <i>mizmor</i>
( 2 X ) חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּיחַ	<i>az eg-mor b'shir mizmor</i> A dedication for the altar.
	<i>chanukat ha-miz-bei-ach.</i>

### *Traditional English Words*

Rock of ages, let our song  
Praise Your saving power;  
You amidst 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.  
And Your word broke their sword  
When our own strength failed us.





## Second Night

### Light the Candles

(see First Night for blessings; include the **לְשִׁמְחָה בְּחֶסֶד** and the **שְׁעֵשֶׂה**. The **שְׁהַחֲיוּ** is recited on the first night only).

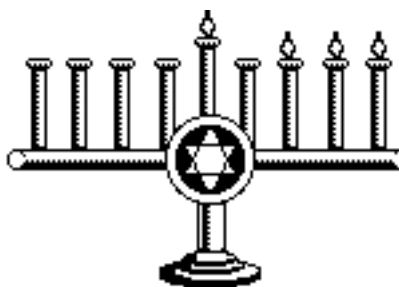
Matthew 5:1-16

And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And opening His mouth He began to teach them, saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## **Oh Hanukkah, oh Hannukah**

Oh Hanukkah, oh Hannukah,  
Come light the me-no-rah,  
Let's have a party,  
We'll all dance the ho-rah,  
Gather 'round the table,  
We'll give you a treat,  
Dreidles to play with,  
And lat-kes 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.





## Third Night

Light the Candles (two blessings from First Night)

(Ps. 115:5-6; Job 24:13, 17; Job 18:5-6; 12:25;  
Jer. 25:10; Ezek. 32:8; Isa. 42:18)

They have eyes, but cannot see; ears, but cannot hear.

They are rebels against the light; they are strangers to its ways,  
and do not stay in its path.

For darkness is morning to all of them; for they are friends with  
the terrors of darkness.

Indeed the light of the wicked fails; the flame of his fire does  
not shine.

The light in his tent darkens; his lamp fails him.

They grope without light in the darkness; He makes them  
wander as if drunk.

And I will banish them from the sound of mirth and gladness,  
the voice of bridegroom and bride, and the sound of the  
handmill and the light of the lamp.

All the lights that shine in the sky I will darken above you; and I  
will bring darkness upon your land—declares the Lord God.  
Listen, you who are deaf; you blind ones; look up and see!



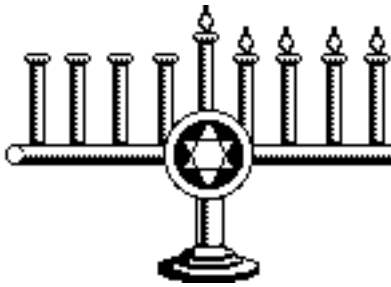
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**S'vivon sov sov sov**  
Dreidel, spin spin spin  
**Ha-nu-chah hu chag tov**  
Hanukkah is a good festival  
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**S'vivon sov sov sov**  
dreidel, spin, spin, spin.  
**Chag simcha hu la-am**  
Festival of joy it is for the people  
**nes gadol haya sham**  
A great miracle happened there  
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**Chag simcha hu la-am**  
Festival of joy it is for the people







## Fourth Night

Light the Candles (two blessings from the First Night)

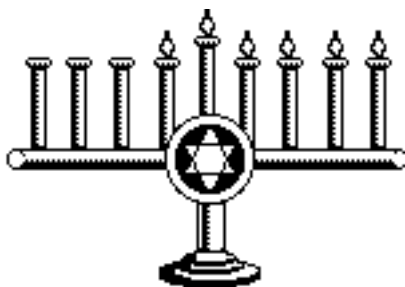
(Is. 42:5-7; 45:7; 42:16)

Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk in it. I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness. I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord who does all these.

And I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, in paths they do not know I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains. These are the things I will do, and I will not leave them undone.





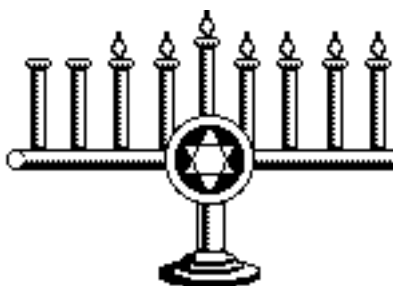
## Fifth Night

Light the Candles (two blessings from the First Night)

(1 John 1:5-10; 2:7-11)

And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.



## Sixth Night

Light the Candles (two blessings from the First Night)

(Ps. 27:1; 104:1-2; 119:105; 19:9; Prov. 6:23;  
traditional prayer book)

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord, my God, You are very great;

You are clothed in glory and majesty,  
wrapped in a robe of light;

You spread the heavens like a tent cloth.

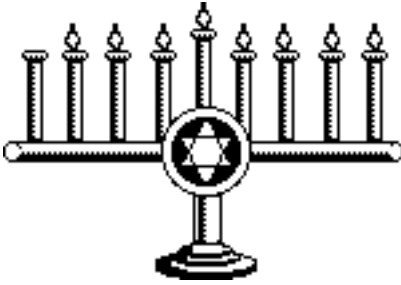
Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light for my path.

The precepts of the Lord are just, rejoicing the heart;  
the instruction of the Lord is lucid, giving light to my eyes.

For the commandment is a lamp,  
and the Torah is a light.

Enlighten our eyes in Your Torah,  
attach our heart to Your commandments,  
unite our hearts to love and revere Your name.



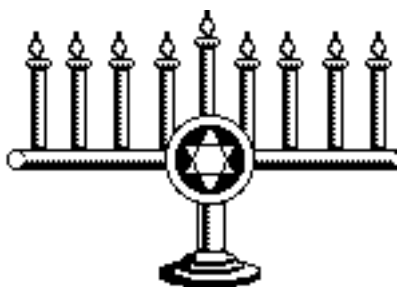


## Seventh Night

Light the Candles (two blessings from the First Night)

(Isaiah 53)

Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living, For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due? His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see light and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.



## Eighth Night

Light the Candles (two blessings from the First Night)

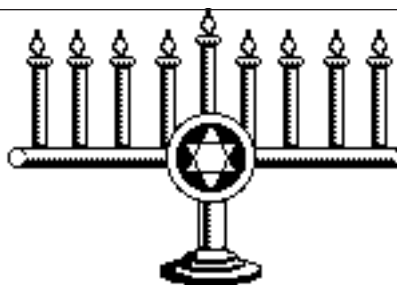
(Is 60:1-3; Zeph 3:14-20)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth, And deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you, And His glory will appear upon you. And nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away His judgments against you, He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; You will fear disaster no more. In that day it will be said to Jerusalem: "Do not be afraid, O Zion; Do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy. I will gather those who grieve about the appointed feasts—They came from you, O Zion; The reproach of exile is a burden on them.

Behold, I am going to deal at that time with all your oppressors, I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will turn their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, even at the time when I gather you together; indeed, I will give you renown and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.





## שרים

**(Revelation 15:3-4, cf. Dt 32:3; Ps 111:2; 139:14)**

Great and wonderful are all Thy glorious deeds,  
Oh Lord, God the Almighty.

Just and true are all Thy ways, Oh Lord,  
King of the ages art Thou!

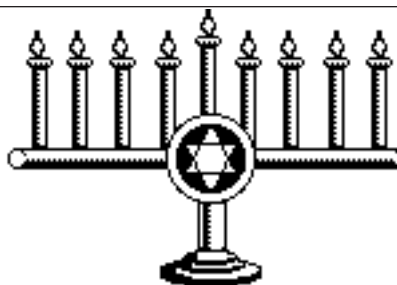
Who shall not fear and glorify  
Thy name Oh Lord?

For Thou alone art holy, Thou alone.  
All the nations shall come and worship Thee,  
For Thy glory shall be revealed,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, A-men.

Lai, lai, lai, lai, lai, lai. . .

## Isaiah 12:2

הִנֵּה אֵל יְשׁוּעָתִי	<b>Hi-nei El ye-shu-a-ti</b>
	Behold God is my salvation
אֶבְטַח וְלֹא אֶפְחָד	<b>ev-tach v'lo ef-chad (x2)</b>
	I will trust and not fear
כִּי־עֲזִי	<b>ki a-zi</b>
	because my strength
וְזִמְרַת יְהוָה יִהְיֶה	<b>v'zim-rat Yah HaShem</b>
	and my song is Yah HaShem
וַיְהִי־לִי לִישׁוּעָה	<b>va-y'hi li li-shu-ah</b>
	and He will be for me salvation



## שרים

Psalm 8

קוֹמָה יְהוָה	<b>kuma Adonai</b>	
	Arise O Lord	
הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי אֱלֹהֵי	<b>hoshi-eini Elohai</b>	
	Save me, O my God	(2x)
(2x) לַיהוָה הַיְשׁוּעָה	<b>la-donai ha-y'shua</b>	
	Salvation belongs to the Lord	
עַל-עַמְּךָ בְּרַכְתָּךְ	<b>al am'cha vir-cha-techa</b>	
	upon Your people is Your blessing	

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קוֹלִי אֶל יְהוָה אֶקְרָא	<b>koli el Adonai ek-ra</b>	
	with my voice I cry to Adonai	
וַיַּעֲנֵנִי	<b>va-ya-a-nei-ni</b>	
	and He answered me	
מִהָר קָדְשׁוֹ	<b>mei-har kad-sho</b>	
	from His holy mountain	
רַבִּים אֹמְרִים לְנַפְשִׁי	<b>ra-bim om-rim l'naf-shi</b>	
	many speak against my soul	
אֵין יְשׁוּעָתָה לוֹ	<b>ein y'shu-a-ta lo</b>	
	"there is no deliverance for him"	
קוֹלִי אֶל יְהוָה אֶקְרָא	<b>koli el Adonai ek-ra</b>	
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אַתָּא יְהוָה מָגֵן בְּעַדִּי	<b>Ata Adonai ma-gen ba-a-di</b>
	You O Lord are a shield for me
כְּבוֹדִי וּמִרְיָם רֹאשִׁי	<b>k'vodi u-mei-rim ro-shi</b>
	my glory and the Lifter of my head
מַה־רַּבּוּ מַה־רַּבּוּ צָרִי	<b>ma rabu ma rabu tza-rai</b>
	How many are my troubles!
רַבִּים קָמִים עָלַי	<b>rabim kamim a-lai</b>
	Many rise up against me
אַתָּא יְהוָה מָגֵן בְּעַדִּי	<b>Ata Adonai ma-gen ba-a-di</b>
	You O Lord are a shield for me
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	my glory and the Lifter of my head

(Chorus)

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O Lord You are my shield and strength  
 Your glory lifts me up  
 The enemy stands against me  
 They rise up all around. (repeat)

Come and help me Lord,  
 arise and rescue me;  
 from You and You alone  
 comes my salvation . . .

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