

Hanukkah Blessings and Songs

ּבָרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בִּמִצְוֹתִיו וִצְוָנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חַנְכָּה

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh haolam asher kidshanu bmitzvotav vitzivanu l'hadlik ner shel chanukah

Blessed are you God ruler of the universe who has made us holy with your commandments, commanding us to kindle the Hannukah lights

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Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh haolam she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim ha'heim bazman ha'zeh

Blessed are you God ruler of the universe who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this time

If this is the first night of Hanukkah, you can also say the she'he'chiyanu blessing:

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Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh haolam she'he'chi'yanu v'kimanu v'hi'giyanu lazman hazeh

Blessed are you God ruler of the universe who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this moment in time]

Al Hanisim

Al hanissim, v'al hapurkan, v'al hag'vurot v'al hat'tshuot v'al hamilchamot sh'asita lavoteinu bayamim hahem baz'man hazeh. עַל הַנָּפִּים, וְעַל הַפָּרְקָן, וְעַל הַגְּבוּרוֹת, וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת, וְעַל הַמִּלְחָמוֹת, שֶׁעָשִּיִּיתָ לַאֲבוֹתִינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

We thank you -- for the miracles, for the redemption, for the mighty deeds and saving acts, wrought by you, as well as for the wars which you waged for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

HaNeirot Hallelu

Hanerot halalu anu madlikin הַנַּרוֹת הַלַלוּ אַנוּ מַדְלִיקִין Al hanisim ve'al hanifla'ot עַל הַנָּסִים ועַל הַנָּפַלַאוֹת Ve'al hatshu'ot ve'al hamilchamot וְעַל הַתִּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמִּלְחָמוֹת Sheh asita lavoteinu, שַׁעשִׂיתַ לַאַבוֹתֵינוּ, Bayamim haheim, bazman hazeh. בַּיַמִים הַהֶּם, בַּזְּמֵן הַזֶּה Al yedei kohanecha hakdoshim. עַל יְדֵי כֹּהֲנֶיךָ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים Vechol shmonat yemei Chanukah וְכַל שִׁמוֹנַת יָמֵי חֲנְכַּה Hanerot halalu kodesh hen, הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קֹדֵשׁ הֵן V'ein lanu reshut lehishtamesh bahen, ואין לנו רשות להשתמש בהן Ela lirotam bilvad. אֶלָּא לְרָאוֹתַן בִּלְבַד Kedei lehodot ulehallel כָּדֵי לָהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל leshimcha hagadol al nisecha, לְשַׁמָרְ הַגַּדוֹל עַל נְסֵרְ Ve'al niflotecha, ve'al yeshuatecha. וְעַל נָפָלָאוֹתֵיךָ וְעַל יִשׁוּעוֹתֵיךָ

These candles that we light, on the miracles and the wonders and the salvations and the wars, that you did for our ancestors, in those days, at this time. By the hand of your holy priests and all these eight days of Chanukah, these candles, they are holy, and we have no permission to use them, except to see them only, in order to give thanks and to praise your great name, your miracles, your wonders, and your salvations.

Maoz Tzur

Ma'oz tzur yeshu'ati lecha na'eh leshabe'ach מָעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי לְךָּ נָאֶה לְשַׁבַּחַ Tikon beit tefillati v'sham todah nezabe'ach L'eit tachin matbe'ach mitz'ar ha-menabe'ach Az egmor b'shir mizmor chanukat ha-mizbe'ach

Mighty rock of my salvation, to praise you is a delight. Restore my house of prayer that we may offer thanks. When you prepare defeat for the foe, then I will complete the dedication of the altar with songs of praise.

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