

## Hanukkah 5785 / 2024

### How to Light a Hanukkiah

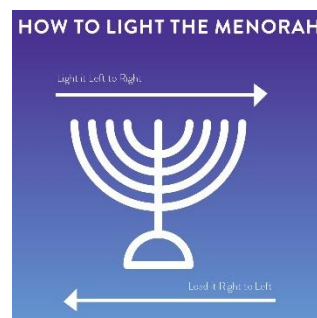
Lighting the Hanukkiah (Chanukah menorah) is a beautiful mitzvah that brings light into our homes and reminds us of the miracles of Chanukah. Here's a simple guide to follow:

#### Preparation:

1. **The Hanukkiah:** Ensure you have a Hanukkiah with space for eight candles plus the shamash (helper candle).
2. **Candles:** You will need 44 candles for all eight nights of Chanukah.
3. **Placement:** Place the Hanukkiah by a window or a doorway to publicly display the mitzvah of Chanukah.
4. **Time:** Light the candles after nightfall, but, if necessary, they can be lit earlier or later to accommodate your schedule.

#### Steps to Light the Hanukkiah:

1. **Insert the Candles:** Place candles in the Hanukkiah from right to left, corresponding to the nights of Chanukah.
  - On the first night, insert one candle; on the second night, add a second candle to the left of the first, and so on.
2. **Light the Shamash:** Use this candle to light the others.
3. **Recite the Blessings:** Before lighting, recite the blessings for Chanukah (see next page)
4. **Light the Candles:** Use the shamash to light the candles from left to right (newest candle first).
5. **Sing or Reflect:** After lighting, recite "Haneirot Hallalu" and sing traditional songs like "Maoz Tzur" or reflect on the meaning of the holiday.



#### Calendar for Hanukkah 5784 (2024):

Night of Hanukkah	Date	Candles to Light
First Night	Thursday, 25 Kislev (December 25, 2024)	1
Second Night	Friday, 26 Kislev (December 26, 2024)	2
Third Night	Saturday, 27 Kislev (December 27, 2024)	3
Fourth Night	Sunday, 28 Kislev (December 28, 2024)	4
Fifth Night	Monday, 29 Kislev (December 29, 2024)	5
Sixth Night	Tuesday, 30 Kislev (December 30, 2024)	6
Seventh Night	Wednesday, 1 Tevet (December 31, 2024)	7
Eighth Night	Thursday, 2 Tevet (January 1, 2025)	8

#### Additional Notes:

- The candles should burn for at least 30 minutes.
- It is traditional not to use the Hanukkiah candles for any other purpose (e.g., reading by their light).



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### Before lighting the Hanukkiah

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה:

Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam,  
asher kidd'shanu b'mitsvotav, v'tsivvanu l'hadlik neir shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, whose commandments  
make us holy, and who commands us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבְזֶמַן הַזֶּה:

Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam,  
she'asah nissim la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim uva-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, who did wonders for our  
ancestors in those days at this season.

### *On the first night add*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. שְׁהַחַיְנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהַגִּיעְנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה:

Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam,  
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higgi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, who has kept us alive  
and supported us and brought us to this season.

### After lighting the Hanukkiah

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ אֶת מְדַלְקֵיהֶם עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַנְּחֻמּוֹת  
שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבְזֶמַן הַזֶּה עַל יְדֵי כֹהֲנֶיךָ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל-שְׂמֵנֶת  
יְמֵי חֲנוּכָּה הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ קֹדֶשׁ וְאֵין לָנוּ רִשׁוּת לְהַשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם אֶלָּא לְרְאוֹתָם בְּלִבָּד.  
כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת לְשִׁמְךָ עַל-נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל-יְשׁוּעָתְךָ וְעַל-נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ:

Ha-neirot hallalu anu madlikim al ha-nissim v'al ha-t'shu'ot v'al ha-nifla'ot v'al ha-  
nechamot she'asita la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim uva-z'man ha-zeh, al y'dei  
kohanecha ha-k'doshim, v'chol sh'monat y'mei Hanukkah ha-neirot hallalu kodesh,  
v'ein lanu r'shut l'hishtameish ba-hem, ella lir'otam bilvad, k'dei l'hodot l'shimcha al  
nissecha v'al y-shu'atecha v'al nifl'otecha.

We kindle these lights to commemorate the wonders, the victories and the marvellous  
and consoling deeds which You performed for our ancestors through Your holy priests  
in those days at this season. During all the eight days of Hanukkah these lights are holy,  
and we are not permitted to make use of them, but only to see them in order to thank  
Your name for the wonders, the victories and the marvellous deeds.

