

Hanukkah 5785 / 2024

How to Light a Hanukkah

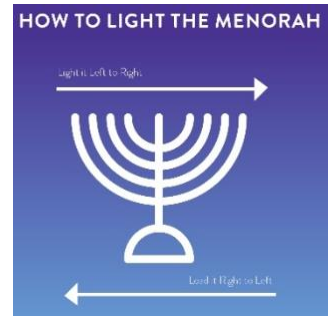
Lighting the Hanukkah (Chanukah menorah) is a beautiful mitzvah that brings light into our homes and reminds us of the miracles of Chanukah. Here's a simple guide to follow:

Preparation:

1. **The Hanukkah:** Ensure you have a Hanukkah 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 Hanukkah 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 Hanukkah:

1. **Insert the Candles:** Place candles in the Hanukkah 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	Evening of	Candles to Light
First Night	Wednesday (December 25, 2024)	1
Second Night	Thursday (December 26, 2024)	2
Third Night	Friday (December 27, 2024)	3
Fourth Night	Saturday (December 28, 2024)	4
Fifth Night	Sunday (December 29, 2024)	5
Sixth Night	Monday (December 30, 2024)	6
Seventh Night	Tuesday (December 31, 2024)	7
Eighth Night	Wednesday (January 1, 2025)	8

Additional Notes:

- The candles should burn for at least 30 minutes.
- It is traditional not to use the Hanukkah 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 וְהִגִּיעָנוּ 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 מְדַלְקֵיכֶם עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַנְּחֻמּוֹת
שְׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבְזֶמַן הַזֶּה עַל יְדֵי כַּהֲנֵיךָ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל-שְׂמִנַּת
יְמֵי חֲנוּכָּה הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ קִדְּשׁ וְאִין לָנוּ רִשׁוּת לְהַשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם אֶלָּא לְרְאוּתָם בְּלִבָּד.
כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת לְשִׁמְךָ עַל-נִסִּיךָ 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'ain 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 nif'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.

