

A GUIDE TO LIGHTING YOUR HANUKKIYAH (MENORAH)

WHAT YOU NEED

1. A Hanukkah menorah or hanukkiyah—all candle holders should be of equal height, except the one for the **shamash** (the candle used to light all others) which is taller or shorter than the rest.
2. Hanukkah candles.
3. A window sill or table near a window on which to light the hanukkiyah. It is traditional to light the hanukkiyah in front of the window to share the miracle of Hanukkah.

HOW TO DO IT

1. Load your hanukkiyah the way one reads Hebrew, right to left.
2. Light only the **shamash**.
3. On Friday night, light the hanukkiyah before Shabbat candles, on Saturday night, after making Havdalah.
4. Early in the evening, but after dark, get the family together, stand and sing (or recite)

1. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

1. **Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melek ha'olam,
asher kidishanu bemitzvotav, vitzivanu lehadlik ner shel Hanukkah.**

1. Praised are You, Adonai, who rules the Universe, Who makes us holy through *mitzvot* and has given us the *mitzvah* of lighting the Hanukkah candle.

2. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ,
בְּיָמִים קְדָמָה, בְּזִמַּן הַזֶּה

2. **Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melek ha'olam,
she'asah nissim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim, bazeman hazeh.**

2. Praised are You, Adonai, who rules the Universe, Who made miracles for our ancestors, long ago, and continues to make them today.

5. On the first night continue with Shehecheyanu— on other nights, go to #6.

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**Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melek ha'olam,
shehecheyanu, vekiyimanu, vehigi'anu, lazeman hazeh.**

- Praised are you, Adonai, who rules the Universe, Who has granted us life, sustained us, and has brought us to this special time.

6. Light the candles, as you would read English, left to right.
7. Sing Hanukkah songs, and enjoy looking at the beautiful candles!

Happy Hanukkah! from your friends at Temple Israel of Natick