

Chanukah Blessings

We place the lights in the menorah from right to left, and light them from left to right.

Before lighting the Chanukah candles, we thank God for giving us this special mitzvah, and for the incredible Chanukah miracles:

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Chanukah.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam she'asa nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with God's commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our foreparents in those days, at this time.

On the first night of Chanukah (or the first time on Chanukah you perform this mitzvah), add the following blessing:

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.