



MENORAH LIGHTING BLESSINGS

It is the Chabad custom to place the menorah, on a chair or the like, within the doorway, next to the doorpost opposite the mezuzah. On the first of night of Chanukah, one light is kindled at the extreme right of the menorah. Each night thereafter, one light is added to the immediate left of the preceding night's light; the one that is newly added is kindled first, and the kindling proceeds towards the right.

The following blessings are recited while standing, and then the lights are kindled.

BLESSING 1

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה

*Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh
hah-oh-lahm ah-sheh ki-deh-shah-noo beh-mitz-voh-tahv
veh-tzee-vah-noo leh-hahd-lik nayr kha-noo-kah*

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

BLESSING 2

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים
וּלְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה

*Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh
hah-oh-lahm sheh-ah-sah nee-sim lah-ah-voh-tay-noo
bah-yah-mim hah-haym biz-mahn hah-zeh*

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.

BLESSING 3

Recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting this Chanukah):

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ
וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה

*Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh
hah-oh-lahm sheh-heh-kheh-yah-noo veh-kee-yi-mah-noo
ve-hig-ee-yah-noo liz-mahn hah-zeh*

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.