

HOW YOU DO...

# Hanukkah

## The Festival of Lights

### *We light candles for 8 nights*

as a way of expressing our continual gratitude for light and miracles. We use a **Hanukkah** (also called a menorah), a special candleholder with 9 branches, used only on Hanukkah.

We begin by lighting the helper candle, or **shamash**. We use the shamash to light the other candles. On the first night, light the shamash and use its flame to light the first candle on the far right side of the Hanukkah. **Add one candle each night**, filling the Hanukkah from right to left, but always **kindle the newest candle first** so that you are lighting them from left to right.

Once the candles are lit, some other joyful traditions include playing the **dreidel game** and eating **latkes** (potato pancakes) and **sufganiyot** (jelly doughnuts).

*Please see other side for blessings over the candles.*

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On each night once the candles are lit, say or sing:

**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,  
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.**

*Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who makes us  
holy and commands us to light the Hanukkah lights.*

And then add:


**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,  
she-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim ha-hem bazman hazeh.**


*Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed  
wonderous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.*

And on only the first night we also say the shehecheyanu:

**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,  
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.**

*Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,  
for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for  
enabling us to reach this season*

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