

Chanukah Candle Lighting

The time for lighting the Chanukah candles is 20 minutes after sunset.

They should burn for a minimum of half an hour.

On Friday afternoon, the menorah should be lit 18 minutes before sundown.

And since the menorah needs to burn for 30 minutes into the night, the candles used on Friday need to be bigger than the regular "colored candles".

Blessings before lighting the Chanukah candles:

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך	Baruch Ata Adonoay Elohenu Melech
העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו	Ha-olam Asher Kid'shanu Be'mitzvo'tav
וצונו להדליק נר חנוכה:	Ve-tzivanu Lehadlik Ner Chanukah.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who made us holy with His commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך	Baruch Ata Adonoay Elohenu Melech
העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו	Ha-olam She-asa nee-seem La-avo-teinu,
במים שהם בזמן הזה:	Baya-meem Ha-hem Baz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who made miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

The following blessing is said only on the first night:

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך	Baruch Ata Adonoay Elohenu Melech
העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו	Ha-olam Sheh-he-che-yanu Vi-kee-yimanu
והגיענו לזמן הזה:	Vi-hee-gee-yanu Laz-man Ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

The following is said after lighting the candle:

הנרות הללו אנחנו מדליקין על הנסים ועל
התשועות. ועל הנפלאות. שעשית לאבותינו. על ידי פהניך
הקדושים. וכל שמונת ימי חנוכה הנרות הללו קודש. ואין
לנו רשות להשתמש בהם. אלא לראותם בלבד כדי להודות
לשמך על נסיה ונפלאותיה וישועותיה:

We kindle these lights for the miracles and the wonders, for the redemption and the battles which You performed for our forefathers in those days at this season through Your holy priests. During all eight days of Chanukah these lights are sacred, and we are not permitted to make ordinary use of them, but only to look at them-in order to express thanks and praise to Your great Name, for your miracles, Your wonders, and Your salvations.

