

BLESSINGS FOR LIGHTING HANUKKAH CANDLES

Prior to lighting the Hanukkah candles, the following two blessings are said:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִידְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

*Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel chahnookah.*

Blessed are you Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who made us holy through the commandments and commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

*Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu
bayamim hahem bazman hazeh.*

Blessed are you Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in those ancient days at this season.

On the first night only, this additional blessing is added prior to the candle lighting.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיֵּינוּ, וְקִיָּמָנוּ, וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

*Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu, v'kiyimanu,
v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*

Blessed are you Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has given us life and sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.