

# Chanukah



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Chanukah is the holiday when we remember the Maccabees who fought for freedom.

We also remember the miracle of Chanukah. When enough oil for one day lasted eight days.

During Chanukah we say the blessings and light the candles in a specific order. Each candle and each blessing has a purpose.

On the first night of Chanukah we say three blessings and from the second night to the eighth night we say two. We also sing songs every night.

In this pamphlet we have included the blessings and songs to help you celebrate this *festival of lights*.

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## Filling the Chanukiah

1. Place the Shamash in its holder
2. On the first night place the candle for the first night in the far right holder
3. On the second night repeat steps one and two and add a candle in the next holder toward the left of the first night's candle
4. On each new night, add one candle toward the left until all eight holders are filled

*Did you know that there are at least three different ways to spell Chanukah!*

## Lighting the candles

1. Light the Shamash
2. Say the blessings
3. Using the Shamash, light the newest candle first
4. When all candles are lit, place the Shamash back to its holder.
5. Sing songs or play the dreidle!



## Chanukah Blessings

**This blessing is said every night**

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Attah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, Asher Kidshanu  
B'mitzvotav V'tzivanu l'Hadlik Ner shel Chanukah.

Praised are You Eternal, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who made us holy  
through the mitzvot, and made it a mitzvah to kindle the Chanukah lights.

**This blessing is said every night**

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים  
לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Attah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, She-asah Nissim  
la-Avotainu, Ba-yamim ha-Hem, ba-Z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You Eternal, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who made  
miracles for our ancestors in their days at this very time of year.

**This blessing is said only in the first night.**

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהֵחִיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Attah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, She-he-he'yanu,  
v'Kiy'manu, v'Higiyanu la-Z'man ha-Zeh.

Praised are You Eternal, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who keeps  
us in life, sustains us, and helps us reach this time.

# Chanukah Songs

## I Have A Little Dreidel

I have a little dreidel  
I made it out of clay  
And when it's dry and ready  
Then dreidel I shall play!

Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel  
I made it out of clay  
And when it's dry and ready  
Then dreidel I shall play!

It has a lovely body  
With legs so short and thin  
And when my dreidel's tired  
It drops and then I win!

(Chorus)

My dreidel's always playful  
It loves to dance and spin  
A happy game of dreidel  
Come play now, let's begin!



## S'vivon/Dreidel, Spin, Spin, Spin

S'vivon, sov, sov, sov,  
Chanukah hu chag tov,  
Chanukah hu chag tov,  
S'vivon, sov, sov, sov,  
Chag simchah hu la-am  
Neis ga-dol ha-yah sham!  
Neis ga-dol ha-yah sham!  
Chag simchah hu la-am.  
S'vivon, turn, turn, turn,

Dreidel, spin, spin, spin!  
Chanukkah is a good holiday;  
Chanukkah is a good holiday, Dreidel, spin,  
spin, spin!  
It's a happy holiday for the people;  
A great miracle happened there;  
A great miracle happened there,  
It's a happy holiday for the people

## Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah  
Come light the Menorah  
Let's have a party  
We'll all dance the Horah

Gather around the table  
I'll give you a treat  
Sevivon to play with  
And latkes to eat

And while we are playing  
The candles are burning low  
One for each night  
They shed a sweet light  
To remind us of days long ago

# Chanukah Songs

## מי ימַלֵל

מי ימַלֵל גְבוּרוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל אוֹתָן מִי  
יִמְנֶה?

Me y'mah-lel g'vou-rot yis-ra-eil oh-tan me  
yeem-nei?

הֵן בְּכֹל דּוֹר יִקּוּם הַגִּבּוֹר גּוֹאֵל הָעָם.

Hein b'chol dor ya-kum ha-gee-bor go-eil ha-aam.

שִׁמְעוּ!

Sh'mah

בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה, מִכְּבִי מוֹשִׁיעַ

וּפּוֹדֵה

Ba-ya-meem ha-heim baz-mahn ha-zei, ma-ka-beee  
mo-shee-ah u-fo-dei

וּבְיָמֵינוּ כָּל עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל, יִתְאַחַד יִקּוּם

וְיִגְאֵל.

Uv-ya-meinu kol am yis-ra-eil, yit-ah-cheid  
ya-koom v'yee-ga-eil

Who can retell the things that befell us?  
Who can count them?  
In every age a hero or sage  
Came to our aid.

Hark!

In those days of yore in Israel's ancient land.  
Maccabeus led the faithful band.  
But now all Israel must as one arise.  
Redeem itself through deed and sacrifice.

## מַעֲוֹז צוּר

מַעֲוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי, לָךְ נִאָּה לְשִׁבְחָה.

Mah oz tzur y'shu-ah-ti, leh-cha na-ei l'sha-bei-ach

תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִילָּתִי, וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח.

Tee-kon beit t'fee-lah-tee v'sham todah  
n'zah-bei-ach

לַעֵת תִּכְיֶן מִטְּבַח. מִצָּר הַמְּנַבַּח.

L'eit tah-cheen mat-bei-ach. meet-zar  
ham-na-bei-ach

אֲז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מְזֻמֹּר, חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּזֻבָּח.

Az ehg-mor b'sheer miz-mor, cha-nu-kat  
ha-miz-bei-ach

Rock of Ages let our song  
Praise your saving power;  
You amid the raging foes,  
Were our sheltering tower  
Furious they assailed us,  
But Your arm availed us,  
And Your word broke their sword,  
When our own strength failed us.



## What is a Dreidle?

A dreidle is a top with four sides. On each side there is a Hebrew letter, *Nun*, *Gimmel*, *Hey* or *Shin*. Which means A great miracle happened there. Referring to the miracle of Chanukah in Israel.

On Chanukah we play the dreidle with nuts, candy or money.



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*A Dreidle is a spinning top with four sides. In Hebrew we call the dreidle sevivon.*

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## How to Play Dreidle

Each person has a turn spinning the dreidle.

To start each player must put one item (nuts, candy or money) in the center.

When the dreidle land on נ *Nun*, the spinner gets nothing.

When it lands on ג *Gimmel*, the spinner gets it all!

When it lands on ה *Hey*, the spinner gets half.

When it lands on ש *Shin*, the spinner must add to the pot.

Have fun!!!

