

# Hanukkah, Evening 1 (Saturday)

12.24.16 – Rachael Martin

**Significance:** Remembers the re-dedication of the Temple after it was defiled by the Greeks

**Observances:** Lighting candles

**Length:** 8 days

**Customs:** Praying, Eating fried foods; playing with a dreidel (spinning top)

The Torah reading for each day of Hanukkah is taken from **Numbers 6:22-8:4**, which recounts the dedication of the *mishkan* (temporary, moveable place of worship) by the Israelites in the desert. On Shabbat during Hanukkah, we read the regular weekly portion. During the Festival of Lights, the *Haftarah* readings, additional selections from the Prophetic books, are **Zechariah 4:1-7** and **I Kings 7:40-50**.

Candles are added from right to left and kindled from left to right. We light the Lead Candle (the one in the middle) and then we light the 1<sup>st</sup> candle and say together and out loud:



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

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*English:* Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

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**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu  
v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.**

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

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**(This prayer is only prayed the first night of Hanukkah)**

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

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English: 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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