

## Evening 2 – Hanukkah (Sunday)

12.25.16 – Rachael Martin

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

**Observances:** Lighting candles, reciting prayers and scriptures

**Length:** 8 days (This year, December 6-14, 2015)

**Customs:** Praying, Eating fried foods; playing with a dreidel (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**.

We light the Lead Candle and then we light the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> candles and say:  
(Candles are added from right to left and kindled from left to right.)



**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.

Father, we thank You and praise You for giving us Your Son Jesus Christ the Light of the world. Without Jesus, we would be truly lost and without hope. What a price He paid and a miracle He is to us all. As we celebrate the remembrance of You bringing us through every hard place we have ever been in, we are reminded that You will never leave us or forsake us. We praise You today and always!

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