

## Evening 4 – Hanukkah (Wednesday)

12.9.15

**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 , 9 Evenings (This year, December 6-14, 2015)

**Customs:** 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**.

For Wednesday, we light the Lead Candle (shamash)

and then we light the

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> candles from right to left 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  
I'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.*

(Click here for audio on how to say correctly, <http://www.reformjudaism.org/practice/prayers-blessings> )

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

Heavenly Father, King of the Universe, we acknowledge that You are Who we need to shed light in our lives and in this world and You gave us Your Son, the Light of the World, Who rules and reigns in our hearts. Father, we know that we will never be able to out give You, we can't thank You enough for Jesus Christ and the freedom from sin and hell that we have because we have accepted Him into our hearts and lives. Holy Spirit we ask that You would invade our hearts and spirits with Your sweet presence and hold us tight. Help us through any rough spots and teach us how to walk in faith, love, and light.

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