

Hanukkah, Evening 1 (Sunday)

12.6.15 – Rachael Martin

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

Observances: Lighting candles

Length: 8 days

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**.

We light the Lead Candle (the one in the middle) and then we light the 1st candle 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.*

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