

Hanukkah-Chanukah, Evening 1 (Tuesday)

12.12.17 – Rachael Martin

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

Observances: Lighting candles

Length: 8 days – This year December 12-20, 2017

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 1st 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.**

(Click here for audio on how to say correctly: [AUDIO](#))

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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