

Evening 5 – Saturday – Hanukkah, Chanukah

12.26.2019

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 22-30, 2019

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**.

We light the **Lead Candle** (shamash) and then we light the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th 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 l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

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

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

English: 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 more than anyone else 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 through believing in Him. Holy Spirit we ask that You would invade our hearts and spirits with Your sweet presence and hold us tight. Help us to walk in faith, love, and light. In Jesus name, Amen.

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