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### **When to Light the Menorah:**

The Chanukah lights are lit in the evenings preceding each of the eight days of Chanukah. The flames should burn for at least half an hour after nightfall.

### **Setting up the Menorah:**

On the first night of Chanukah, one light is kindled on the right side of the menorah. On the following night add a second light to the left of the first, and kindle the new light first, proceeding from left to right, and so on each night.

### **Blessings to Recite Before Lighting the Menorah:**

Before kindling the Chanukah lights on the first night of Chanukah, (or if you're kindling the Chanukah lights for the first time this year) recite all three blessings.

On every subsequent night only the first two are recited.

**CHABAD WISHES YOU A HAPPY CHANUKAH!**

# Blessings:

1

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר  
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנוּכָה

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sher ki-de-sha-nu  
bemitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner Cha-nu-kah.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us  
with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

2

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁעָשִׂה  
נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמִים הֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam  
she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe,  
who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.

3

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגַּעְנוּ לְזְמַן הַזֶּה

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam  
she-heche-ya-nu ve-kiyi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe,  
who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.



הַנִּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אֵנוּ מְדַלְקִין עַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת, וְעַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל  
הַנִּפְלְאוֹת שְׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמִים הֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי  
כֹהֲנֵיךְ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל שְׁמוֹנַת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה, הַנִּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קִדְּשׁ  
הֵם, וְאֵין לָנוּ רְשׁוֹת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶן, אֲלֵא לְרְאוֹתָן בְּלִבְדּוֹ, כְּדֵי  
לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל נִסִּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעוֹתֶיךָ:

We kindle these lights [to commemorate] the saving acts, miracles and wonders  
which You have performed for our forefathers, in those days at this time, through  
Your holy priests. Throughout the eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred,  
and we are not permitted to make use of them, but only to look at them, in order  
to offer thanks and praise to Your great Name for Your miracles, for Your wonders  
and for Your salvations.

# Songs

## MAOZ TZUR

מעוז צור ישועתי, לך נאה לשבח  
 תכון בית תפלתי, ושם תודה נזבח.  
 לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח.  
 אז אגמור בשיר מזמור  
 חנכת המזבח.

Ma-oz Tzur Y'shu-a-ti Le-cha  
 Na-eh L'sha-bei-ach  
 Ti-kon Beit T'fi-la-ti  
 V'sham To-da N'za-bei-ach  
 L'eit Ta-chin Mat-bei-ach  
 Mi-tzar Ha-mi-na-bei-ach  
 Az Eg-mor B'shir Miz-mor  
 Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-bei-ach

## CHANUKAH, OH CHANUKAH

Chanukah, Oh Chanukah,  
 come light the Menorah  
 Let's have a party,  
 we'll all dance the hora  
 Gather round the table,  
 we'll all have a treat  
 Sivivon to play with,  
 and latkes to eat.  
 And while we are playing  
 The candles are burning bright  
 One for each night,  
 they shed a sweet light  
 To remind us of days long ago.  
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 they shed a sweet light  
 To remind us of days long ago.



## I HAVE A LITTLE DREIDEL



I have a little dreidel  
 I made it out of clay  
 And when it's dry and ready  
 Then dreidel I shall play!

(Chorus)

Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel  
 I made it out of clay  
 And when it's dry and ready  
 Then dreidel I shall play!

## SEVIVON

סביבון טוב טוב טוב  
 חנוכה הוא חג טוב  
 חנוכה הוא חג טוב  
 סביבון טוב טוב טוב

חג שמחה הוא לעם  
 נס גדול היה שם  
 נס גדול היה שם  
 חג שמחה הוא לעם

Sevivon Sov Sov Sov  
 Chanukah Hu Chag Tov  
 Chanukah Hu Chag Tov

Sevivon Sov Sov Sov

Chag Simcha hu la'am  
 Nes Gadol Haya Sham  
 Nes Gadol Haya Sham  
 Chag Simcha  
 hu la'am



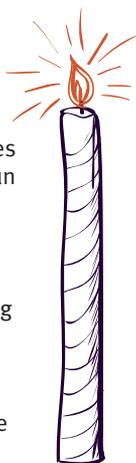
# THE OBLIGATION TO ILLUMINATE THE WORLD

An excerpt from a letter by the Lubavitcher Rebbe  
Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the victory—more than 2100 years ago—of a militarily weak but spiritually strong Jewish people over the mighty forces of a ruthless enemy that had overrun the Holy Land and threatened to engulf the land and its people in darkness.

The miraculous victory—culminating with the dedication of the Sanctuary in Jerusalem and the rekindling of the Menorah which had been desecrated and extinguished by the enemy—has been celebrated annually ever since during these eight days of Chanukah, especially by lighting the Chanukah Menorah, also as a symbol and message of the triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness.

It is a timely and reassuring message, for the forces of darkness are ever present. Moreover, the danger does not come exclusively from outside; it often lurks close to home, in the form of insidious erosion of time-honored values and principles that are at the foundation of any decent human society. Needless to say, darkness is not chased away by brooms and sticks, but by illumination. Our sages said, “A little light expels a lot of darkness.”



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The Chanukah Lights remind us in a most obvious way that illumination begins at home, within oneself and one’s family, by increasing and intensifying the light of Torah and Mitzvos in the everyday experience, even as the Chanukah Lights are kindled in growing numbers from day to day. But though it begins at home, it does not stop there. Such is the nature of light that when one kindles the Chanukah Lights are expressly meant to illuminate the “outside,” symbolically alluding to the duty to bring light also to those who, for one reason or another, still walk in darkness.

What is true of the individual is true of a nation, especially this great United States, united under G-d, and generously blessed by G-d with material as well as spiritual riches. It is surely the duty and privilege of this Nation to promote all the forces of light both at home and abroad, and in a steadily growing measure.

Let us pray that the message of the Chanukah Lights will illuminate the everyday life of everyone personally, and of the society at large, for a brighter life in every respect, both materially and spiritually.