

1) Channukah Blessings

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה

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

Blessed are You, Our Gd, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your
commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן 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, Our Gd, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in
those days, at this time of year.

Third blessing, recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting this Chanukah):

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

Blessed are You, Our Gd, Ruler of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and
enabled us to reach this occasion.

2) Ocho Kandelikas

Hanukah linda sta aki
Ocho kandelas para mi
Hanukah linda sta aki
Ocho kandelas para mi, oh
Una kandelika, dos kandelikas
Tres kandelikas, kuarto kandelikas
Sintyu kandelikas, sej kandelikas
Siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi
Muchas fiestas vo fazer
Kon alegria i plazer
Muchas fiestas vo fazer
Kon alegria i plazer
Los pastelikos vo kumer
Kon almendrikas i la myel
Los pastelikos vo kumer
Kon almendrikas i la myel, oh
Una kandelika, dos kandelikas
Tres kandelikas, kuarto kandelikas
Sintyu kandelikas, sej kandelikas
Siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi

3) This Little Light of Mine

(Chorus)

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Oh, this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

All around the town,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Oh, all around the town,
I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the town,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
(Chorus)

4) Suzanne Sabransky

One candle lights another;
and darkness is dispelled from the surrounding area.

One candle lights two others;
and the the brightness reaches beyond what is near.

One candle lights three others;
and the closest corners are no longer dark.

One candle lights four others;
and the walls begin to shine with illumination.

One candle lights five others;
and the room begins to feel warm and inviting.

One candle lights six others;
and people begin to reflect the candle's glow.

One candle lights seven others;
and people farther away are attracted to the light.

One candle lights eight others;
and the world begins to take notice of the brilliance.

Nine candles, now burning harmoniously together.

They have the power to dispel darkness, they have the power to shine light into our world. They have the power which comes from building one upon another, working together, in harmony, achieving the brightest light they can shed.

We can become like those candles. We can be candles igniting the flame of one another. Candles shining brightly together, shedding a light which casts all people out of darkness and into a brilliant, better world.

5) Ma'oz Tzur

מְעוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי
לְךָ נָאֵה לְשַׁבְּחָךְ
תִּכּוֹן בַּיִת תִּפְלֵלָתִי
וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבְּחָךְ
לַעֲת תִּכְיִן מִטְּבַחַךְ
מִצָּר הַמְּנַבְּחָךְ
אֲז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר
חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּיחַ

Mah-ohz tzoor yeh-shoo-ah-tee leh-kha nah-eh le-shah-bay-ah-kh
Tee-kohn bayt teh-fee-lah-tee veh-sham toh-dah neh-zah-bay-ah-kh
Leh-ayt tah-kheen maht-bay-akh mee-tzahr hah-meh-nah-bay-ah-kh
Ahz, ehg-mohr beh-shir miz-mohr kha-noo-kaht hah-miz-bay-ah-kh

Rock of ages, let our song
praise your saving power.
You amidst the raging foes
were our shelt'ring tower.
Furious they assailed us, but
your arm availed us.
And your word broke their
sword when our own strength
failed us (2x)

6) Michael Strassfeld

“By Lighting the menorah, we ignite the flame in our souls, the spark that cannot be extinguished, that will burn not for eight days but for eternity. We place the menorah in our windows to be visible to those passing by, just as our inner light must shine against the darkness of evil and indifference and must kindle the spirits of our fellow humans. The menorah reminds us of the miracle that no matter how dark life may be, there remains a source of light deep inside us. The light in our souls reflects and refracts the light from the One who is all brightness. This light can accompany us on our way and illumine the darkest path. We need not walk through life's paths stumbling over obstacles as though we were blind. The plague of darkness is all around us, but the light is there for those who continue to fan it into flame.”