

On the 1st Night of Chanukah

The lighting of the candles is one of the oldest traditions connected to Chanukah. The candles are put into the menorah starting from the right side. They are lit starting from the left. The first two prayers are said after lighting the shamesh (helping candle) and before lighting the rest of the candles. The third blessing, the Sheheiyanu is recited only on the first night.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל
חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu, l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our Gd, Ruler of the World, who made us holy through your commandments and commanded us to light the Chanukah Light.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם
בְּזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, Sheh-asah nissim la'avoteinu, bayamim ha-hem, Ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our Gd, ruler of the world, who made miracles possible for our ancestors in those days as this same season.

The following prayer is recited only one the first night:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחְיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, She-heh-chi-yanu, v'ki-y'manu, v'higiyanu, La-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You Adonai, our Gd, Ruler of the World, who has kept us alive and enabled us to reach this season of life.