

Temple Beth Sholom

B'rakhot for Hanukkah's Lights

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

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh haOlam asher kid-sha'nu b'mitz-votav v'tzi-vanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.
Praised are You God, Ruler of the Universe, who sanctified us as a people through Your commandments, and commanded us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

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

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh haOlam, sh'a-sah nisim la'avo-tei-nu ba-yamim ha-hem baz'man ha-zeh.
Praised are You God, Ruler of the Universe,
Who performed miracles for our ancestors during those days at this season.



On the first night only:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh haOlam, sh'he-he-ya-nu v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laZ'man haZeh.
Praised are you God, Ruler of the universe, Who kept us in life, sustained us, and helped us reach this joyous occasion.
our lives, for all that sustains us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

How the lights are kindled:

One candle is lit in the Hanukkah menorah for each night. For the first night, one candle, the second night, two candles, and so on until eight candles are kindled on the eighth night. The candle for the first night is placed on the right side of your Hanukkiyah. On each subsequent night an additional candle is placed to the left of the preceding night's candle. The lighting proceeds from left to right so that the new candle is kindled first each night. On Friday night the Hanukkah lights are lit before the Shabbat candles, prior to sunset. On Saturday night, light the Hanukkah candles after the sun has set.

On Hanukkah we remember the miracles of faith, of our people's perseverance, and of life's daily wonders. We remember the Maccabees and the conflict of ancient days while we honor the victory of faith, and of Judaism's ideals. Hanukkah's light represents spiritual strength, not only physical prowess. Our Hanukkiyot represent God's light, a path of peace and goodness that must endure for all time.

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מִדְּלִיקִים עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת
וְעַל הַמְּלַחְמוֹת, שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמַּן הַזֶּה,

HaNerot Hallalu anahnu madlikim, al ha-nisim, v'al ha-nif-laot, v'al ha-t'shuot,
v'al-ha millhamot, she-a'sita-la'avoteinu ba-ya-mim ha-hem, bazman ha-zeh

מֵעוֹז צוּר יִשׁוּעָתִי לֶךָ נָאֵה לְשַׁבַּח תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תִּפְלָתִי וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח
לְעֵת תִּכּוֹן מִטְבַּח מִצָּר הַמְּנַיֵּחַ אֲזִ אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנוּכַת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ

Ma'oz Tzur Yeshu'ati, lekha na'eh le'shabe'ah Tikon beit te'filati, ve'sham toda nezabe'ah.
Le'et takhin matbe'ah mitzar ham'nabe'ah Az eg'mor beshir miz'mor hanukat hamizbe'ah