



## How to Light the Menorah 2017

### First night

**Tuesday December 12, 2017 - LIGHT AFTER DARK - Only light after the Shabbat is over**

- Gather your family, roommates, friends or anyone else around. The Mitzvah of the Menorah is to publicize the Hanukkah miracle!
- Prepare your Menorah with one candle in the rightmost spot in the Menorah.
- Take a second candle which will serve as the "Shamash" (servant candle) this candle will be used to light the other candle and will remain burning with it in its own special spot, set off from the rest of the candles.
- With the lit Shamash candle in your hand, say blessings number 1 ,2 and 3 (see below)
- Light your single Hanukkah candle. Its light is small but very meaningful.
- Place the Shamash candle in its special spot where it is set apart from the other candles.
- Sing (or read if you don't know the tune) "Hanerot Hallalu" (see below). You can also sing a Hanukkah song like Maoz Tzur
- If possible, stay around the Menorah for a while and think about what the light has to say.



### Second night

**Wednesday December 13, 2011 - Light after sunset**

- Gather your family, roommates, friends or anyone else around. The Mitzvah of the Menorah is to publicize the Hanukkah miracle!
- Prepare your Menorah with two candles in the right most spots in the Menorah.
- Take a third candle which will serve as the "Shamash" (servant candle) this candle will be used to light the other candles and will remain burning with it in its own special spot, set off from the rest of the candles.
- With the lit Shamash candle in your hand, say blessings number 1 and 2 (see below)
- Light the newer candle (the left one) first. Then light the right candle. The light is growing and so is our Hanukkah joy.

- Sing (or read if you don't know the tune) "Hanerot Hallalu" (see below). You can also sing a Hanukkah song like Maoz Tzur.
- If possible, stay around the Menorah for a while and think about what the light has to say.



## Third night

Thursday December 14 - Light after sunset

- Gather your family, roommates, friends or anyone else around. The Mitzvah of the Menorah is to publicize the Hanukkah miracle!
- Prepare your Menorah with three candles in the right most spots in the Menorah.
- Take a fourth candle which will serve as the "Shamash" (servant candle) this candle will be used to light the other candles and will remain burning with it in its own special spot, set off from the rest of the candles.
- With the lit Shamash candle in your hand, say blessings number 1 and 2 (see below)
- Light the newest candle (the left one) first. Then light the candle to the right of it and lastly the furthest to the right.
- Sing (or read if you don't know the tune) "Hanerot Hallalu" (see below). You can also sing a Hanukkah song like Maoz Tzur
- If possible, stay around the Menorah for a while and think about what the light has to say.



## Fourth night

Friday December 15 - **LIGHT BEFORE SUNSET. If you missed the time, don't light tonight since it is already Shabbat and prohibited to light a flame.**

- Gather your family, roommates, friends or anyone else around. The Mitzvah of the Menorah is to publicize the Hanukkah miracle!
- Prepare your Menorah with four candles in the right most spots in the Menorah.
- Take a fifth candle which will serve as the "Shamash" (servant candle) this candle will be used to light the other candles and will remain burning with it in its own special spot, set off from the rest of the candles.
- With the lit Shamash candle in your hand, say blessings number 1 and 2 (see below)
- Light the newest candle (the left one) first. Continue lighting in order from left to right.

- Sing (or read if you don't know the tune) "Hanerot Hallalu" (see below). You can also sing a Hanukkah song like Maoz Tzur
- If possible, stay around the Menorah for a while and think about what the light has to say.



## Fifth night:

**Saturday December 16 - LIGHT AFTER DARK - Only light after the Shabbat is over**

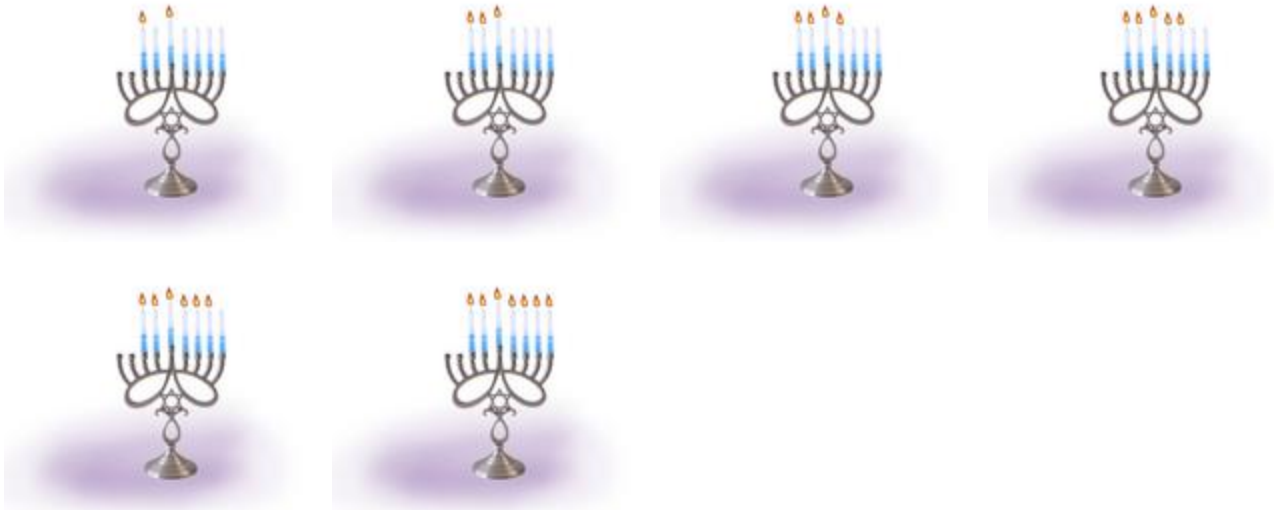
- Gather your family, roommates, friends or anyone else around. The Mitzvah of the Menorah is to publicize the Hanukkah miracle!
- Prepare your Menorah with five candles in the right most spots in the Menorah.
- Take a sixth candle which will serve as the "Shamash" (servant candle) this candle will be used to light the other candles and will remain burning with it in its own special spot, set off from the rest of the candles.
- With the lit Shamash candle in your hand, say blessings number 1 and 2 (see below)
- Light the newest candle (the left one) first. Continue lighting in order from left to right. Tonight is the first night that there are more lit candles than unlit. The light has overtaken the darkness. It is know to be a night of special miracles.
- Sing (or read if you don't know the tune) "Hanerot Hallalu" (see below). You can also sing a Hanukkah song like Maoz Tzur
- If possible, stay around the Menorah for a while and think about what the light has to say.



## Sixth night:

**Sunday December 17- Light after sunset**

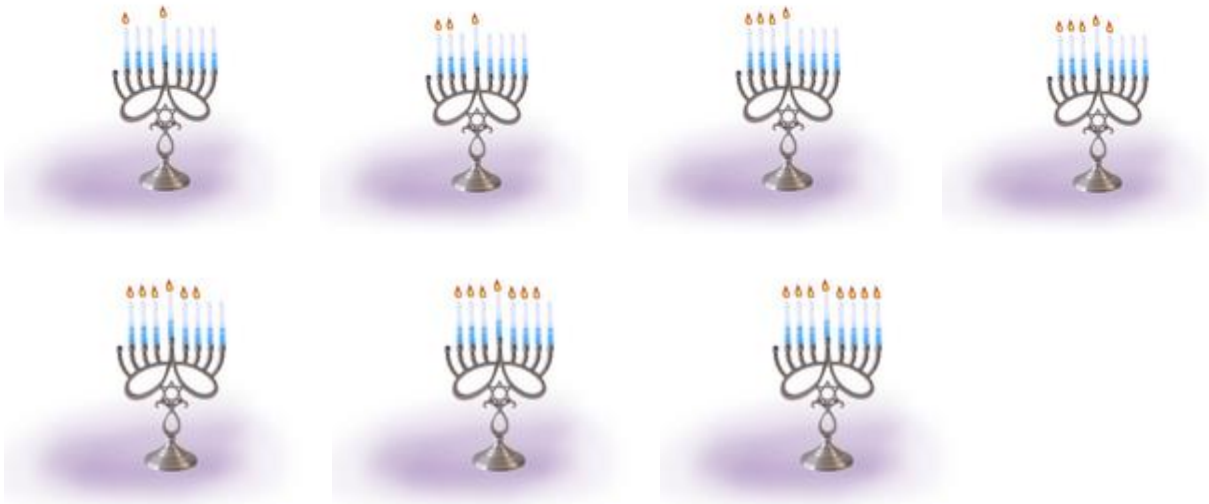
- Gather your family, roommates, friends or anyone else around. The Mitzvah of the Menorah is to publicize the Hanukkah miracle!
- Prepare your Menorah with six candles in the right most spots in the Menorah.
- Take a seventh candle which will serve as the "Shamash" (servant candle) this candle will be used to light the other candles and will remain burning with it in its own special spot, set off from the rest of the candles.
- With the lit Shamash candle in your hand, say blessings number 1 and 2 (see below)
- Light the newest candle (the left one) first. Continue lighting in order from left to right.
- Sing (or read if you don't know the tune) "Hanerot Hallalu" (see below). You can also sing a Hanukkah song like Maoz Tzur
- If possible, stay around the Menorah for a while and think about what the light has to say.



## Seventh night:

Monday December 18 - Light after sunset

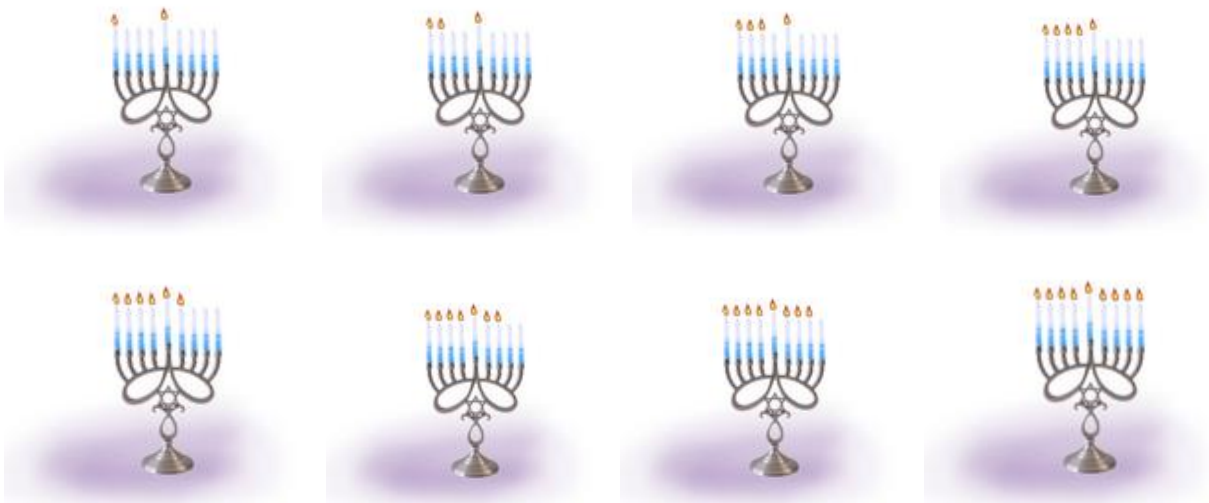
- Gather your family, roommates, friends or anyone else around. The Mitzvah of the Menorah is to publicize the Hanukkah miracle!
- Prepare your Menorah with seven candles in the right most spots in the Menorah.
- Take an eighth candle which will serve as the "Shamash" (servant candle) this candle will be used to light the other candles and will remain burning with it in its own special spot, set off from the rest of the candles.
- With the lit Shamash candle in your hand, say blessings number 1 and 2 (see below)
- Light the newest candle (the left one) first. Continue lighting in order from left to right.
- Sing (or read if you don't know the tune) "Hanerot Hallalu" (see below). You can also sing a Hanukkah song like Maoz Tzur
- If possible, stay around the Menorah for a while and think about what the light has to say.



## Eighth night:

Tuesday December 19 - Light after sunset

- Gather your family, roommates, friends or anyone else around. The Mitzvah of the Menorah is to publicize the Hanukkah miracle!
- Fill up all eight spots in your Menorah with candles.
- Take a ninth candle which will serve as the "Shamash" (servant candle) this candle will be used to light the other candles and will remain burning with it in its own special spot, set off from the rest of the candles.
- With the lit Shamash candle in your hand, say blessings number 1 and 2 (see below)
- Light the newest candle (the left one) first. Continue lighting in order from left to right.
- Sing (or read if you don't know the tune) "Hanerot Hallalu" (see below). You can also sing a Hanukkah song like Maoz Tzur
- If possible, stay around the Menorah for a while and think about what the light has to say.




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## Menorah Blessings

### The Blessings in English

1. 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. Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.
3. 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.

### Transliteration of the Blessings:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

### The first two Blessings recited every Chanukah night in the Hebrew original:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים  
לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

### The third Blessing recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting this Chanukah) in the Hebrew Original:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחֲיָנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה:

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### Hanerot Hallalu

#### English

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.

#### Transliteration

Ha-nei-rot ha-lo-lu o-nu mad-li-kin  
Al ha-te-shu-ot ve-al ha-ni-sim ve-al ha-nif-la-ot,  
She-see-ta la-avoi-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim biz-man ha-zeh,  
Al ye-dei ko-ha-ne-cha ha-ke-do-shim,  
Ve-chol she-mo-nat ye-mei cha-nu-kah ha-nei-rot ha-la-lu ko-desh hem,  
Ve-ein la-nu re-shut le-hish-ta-meish ba-hem,  
E-lo lir-o-tam bil-vad, ke-dei le-ho-dot u-le-ha-leil le-shim-cha ha-ga-dol Al ni-se-cha  
ve-al nif-le-o-te-cha ve-al ye-shu-o-te-cha.

**Haneirot Hallalu in the Hebrew Original:**

הַנֵּירוֹת הַלּוֹלוֹ אָנוּ מְדַלִּיקִין, עַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת, וְעַל  
הַנְּסִים, וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת, שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי כַּהֲנֵןךָ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכֹל  
שְׂמוֹנַת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה, הַנֵּירוֹת הַלּוֹלוֹ קֹדֶשׁ הֵם, וְאֵין לָנוּ  
רְשׁוּת לְהַשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶן, אֶלָּא לְרֵאוֹתָן בְּלִבָּר, כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת  
וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל, עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל  
יְשׁוּעוֹתֶיךָ:

