



# MENORAH LIGHTING BLESSINGS

It is the Chabad custom to place the menorah, on a chair or the like, within the doorway, next to the doorpost opposite the mezuzah. On the first of night of Chanukah, one light is kindled at the extreme right of the menorah. Each night thereafter, one light is added to the immediate left of the preceding night's light; the one that is newly added is kindled first, and the kindling proceeds towards the right.

The following blessings are recited while standing, and then the lights are kindled.

## BLESSING 1

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אָדָנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצּוֹתָיו וַצְוָנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה**

*Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh  
hah-oh-lahm ah-sher ki-deh-shah-noo beh-mitz-voh-tahv  
veh-tzee-vah-noo leh-hahd-lik nayr kha-noo-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.

## BLESSING 2

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אָדָנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁעָשָׂה נֶסֶים  
לְאָבוֹתֵינוּ בִּימִים הֵהֶם בָּזְמַן הַזֶּה**

*Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh  
hah-oh-lahm sheh-ah-sah nee-sim lah-ah-voh-tay-noo  
bah-yah-mim hah-haym biz-mahn hah-zeh*

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

## BLESSING 3

*Recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting this Chanukah):*

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אָדָנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁהַחְנִינוּ וְקִימָנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לִזְמָן הַזֶּה**

*Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh  
hah-oh-lahm sheh-heh-kheh-yah-noo veh-kee-yi-mah-noo  
ve-hig-ee-yah-noo liz-mahn hah-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.