

TBD HANUKAH SONGS AND BLESSINGS

CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS

Before lighting the candles, say these two blessings. On the first night only, say the third blessing as well.

(Remember to place the candles in the menorah from right to left, but always light the new candle first – therefore, you light them from left to right.)

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Blessed are you, Lord, our God, king of the universe

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ

asher keedishanu b'metzvotav v'tzevanu
who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us

לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

l'had'leek nair shel Chanukkah
to light the candles of Chanukkah



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she-asah neeseem la-avotaynu ba-yameem ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh
who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time

Only on the first night:

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שֶׁהִחְיֵנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה

she-hecheeyanu v'keey'manu v'heegeeyanu la-z'man ha-zeh
who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season

1. Rock of Ages (Maoz Tzur)

Traditional

Rock of Ages let our song praise Your saving power
You amidst the raging foes were our Sheltering Tower
Furious they assailed us but Your arm availed us
And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us) x2

Children of the Maccabees, whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering, that the time is nearing
Which will see all people free, tyrants disappearing.) x2

2. Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah

Chassidic, Words: M. Riversman

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah come light the menorah.
Let's have a party we'll all dance the Hora.
Gather round the table we'll give you a treat.
Sivivons to play with and latkes to eat.
And while we are playing, the candles are burning low.
One for each night, they shed a sweet light,
To remind us of days long ago.
(repeat last two lines)

Yiddish Version:

Oy Chanukah oy Chanukah, a yontif a sheiner
A lustiker a freylicher nito noch a zeyner
Alle nacht in dreydlech shpiln mir
Zudik hesse latkes essen mir
Geshvinder tsindt kinder
di Chanukah lichtelech on
Zog "Al Hanisim," loybt Got far di nissim
Un komt hicher tantzen in kohn (2x)

3. I Have A Little Dreidle

I have a little dreidle,
I made it out of clay,
And when it's dry and ready
Then dreidle I shall play.

Chorus

Oh dreidle, dreidle, dreidle,
I made it out of clay,
Oh dreidle, dreidle, dreidle,
Now dreidle I shall play.



It has a lovely body,
With legs so short and thin.
And when it gets all tired,
It drops and then I win.-> CHORUS

My dreidle's always playful.
It loves to dance and spin
A happy game of dreidle
Come play now, let's begin ->
CHORUS

4. Yodelay Do, Potato!

P. Allard

I like to eat potato latkes
I like to eat them all day.
And when I eat potato latkes,
This is what I say:

CHORUS

Yodelay Do Potato (2x)
Yodelay Do Potato
Latkes for me.
Yodelay Do Potato (2x)
Yodelay, yodelay potato!

I like to eat them with/in applesauce/sour cream/Temple City
I like to eat them all day...
And when I eat them with/in...
This is what I say:
->CHORUS

5. Not By Might

music by Debbie Friedman, text based on Zechariah 4:6

Not by might and not by power
But by spirit alone, shall we all live in peace
(Repeat)

The children sing, the children dream
And their tears may fall but we'll hear them call and another song will rise,
Another song will rise, another song will rise

(Last time): Not by might and not by power! Shalom!



6. Ocho Kandelikas

F. Jagoda

Hanukah linda sta aki
Ocho kandelas para mi,
(REPEAT)

Refrain

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
(REPEAT) -> REFRAIN

Los pastelikos vo kumer
Kon almendrikas i la myel
(REPEAT) -> REFRAIN

7. Light These Lights

D. Friedman

Oh hear my prayer I sing to You.
Be gracious to the ones I love
And bless them with goodness and mercy and peace
Oh hear my prayer to You.
(REPEAT)

Let us light these lights
And see the way to You.
And let us say: Amen.
(REPEAT)

8. Mi Y'malel (Who Can Retell)

Folk tune

Mi y'malel g'vurot Yisrael otan mi yim-neh?
Hen b'chol dor yakum hagibor go-el ha-am.
(REPEAT)



Sh'ma!
Bayamim ha-hem bazman ha-zeh,
Makabi moshia ufodeh.
Uv-yameinu kol am Yisrael,
Yitached yakum l'higael.

Who can retell the things that befell us, who can count them?
In every age a hero or sage came to our aid.
(REPEAT)

Hark!
At this time of year in days of yore,
Maccabees the Temple did restore.
And today our people as we dreamed
Will arise, unite and be redeemed.

9. Light One Candle

Words and music by Peter Yarrow

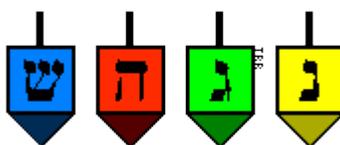
Light one candle for the Maccabee children with thanks that their light didn't die.
Light one candle for the pain they endured when their right to exist was denied.
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice justice and freedom demand.
And light one candle for the wisdom to know when the peacemaker's time is at hand.

CHORUS

Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need to never become our own foe.
Light one candle for those who are suffering the pain we learned so long ago.
Light one candle for all we believe in, let anger not tear us apart.
And light one candle to bring us together with peace as the song in our heart.
-> CHORUS

What is the memory that's valued so highly that we keep it alive in that flame.
What's the commitment to those who have died when we cry out "they've not died in vain?"
Have we come this far always believing that justice will somehow prevail.
This is the burden and this is the promise, and this is why we will not fail.
-> CHORUS





The Dreidel Song

Words and music by Debbie Friedman

chorus:

Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Shin, watch the dreidel spin, spin, spin.

Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Shin, watch now let the fun begin.

Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Shin spin the dreidel try to win.

And sing along this dreidel song with me.

See the dreidel spinning round, spinning round and round and round.

When it stops it will tell you, this is what you have to do.

chorus

You take nothing Nun will say, Gimmel wins, it's fun to play.

Hay takes half, but land on Shin, then you'll have to put some in.

chorus



The Latke Song (I'm a Latke)

Words and music by Debbie Friedman

I am so mixed up I cannot tell you,
I'm sitting in this blender turning brown.

I've made friends with the onions and the flour,

And the cook is scouting oil in town.

I sit here wondering what will 'come of me,
I can't be eaten looking as I do.



I need someone to take me out and cook me,
Or I'll really end up in a royal stew.

chorus:

I am a latke, I'm a latke,

And I am waiting for Hanukkah to come.

I am a latke, I'm a latke,

And I am waiting for Hanukkah to come.

Every holiday has foods so special,

I'd like to have that same attention too.

I do not want to spend life in this blender,

Wondering what I'm supposed to do.

Matzah and charoset are for Pesach,

Chopped liver and challah for Shabbat.

Blintzes for Shavuot are delicious,

And gefilte fish no holiday's without.

chorus

It's important that I have an understanding,

Of what it is that I'm supposed to do.

You see there are so many who are homeless,

With no jobs, no clothes and very little food.

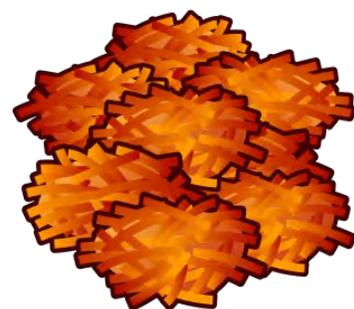
It's so important that we all remember,

That while we have most everything we need.

We must remember those who have so little.

We must help them, we must be the ones to feed.

chorus



Soufganiot

Words and music by Rabbi Joe Black

chorus

Soufganiot, soufganiot
Oh, how I love those soufganiot
Soufganiot, soufganiot
Oh, how I love those soufganiot

Go into the kitchen, heat up the oil
Wait until it's ready to boil
Roll up the dough, put jelly in the middle
Drop 'em in the pot and listen to 'em sizzle
those...

chorus

Some like 'em hot, some like 'em cold
Nobody likes 'em when they get too old
Raspberry, strawberry, chocolate too
Those soufganiot are so good for you, those...

chorus

I love 'em with my breakfast, I love 'em with
my lunch
Dinner time, snack time, I gobble up a bunch
Only problem is, when I eat too many
My tummy starts to hurt and I feel real funny,
those...

chorus

S'vivon Sov, Sov, Sov

S'vivon sov,sov, sov, Chanukah hu chag tov.
Chanukah hu chag tov, s'vivon sov, sov, sov.

Chag simcha hu la am, nes gadol haya sham.
Nes gadol haya sham, chag simcha hu la am.

