

Maoz Tzur

Ma'oz tsur yeshu'ati Lecha na'eh lesha be'eh'yach Tikon beit te-fi-la-ti Ve sham toda neza'beh'eh'yach Leh et tachin mat be-yach, Mi tsar ham'na be-eh-eh-ehyach -Az egmor beshir mizmor Chanukat hamizbe'eh'yach (x2)

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise Your saving power;
You, amid 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)

Chanukkah

Chanukkah, Chanukkah Chag yafeh kol kach Ohr chaviv, mi-saviv Gil li-yeled rach.

Chanukkah, Chanukkah Sivivon, sov, sov Sov, sov, sov! Sov, sov, sov! Ma nayim vi-tov.

Chanukkah, Oh Chanukkah

Oh Chanukkah, Oh Chanukkah, 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
Sivivon 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. (x2)

S'vivon

Sivivon, sov, sov, sov Chanukkah, hu chag tov Chanukkah, hu chag tov Sivivon, sov, sov, sov! Chag simcha hu la-am Nes gadol haya sham Nes gadol haya sham Chag simcha hu la-am.

S'vivon, turn, turn, turn
While the lovely candles burn.
What a great holiday,
Watch us sing and watch us play!
Tell the story everywhere,
A great miracle happened there!
It's a festival of light
For eight days and for eight nights.

Mi Y'maleil

Mi yimalel g'vurot Yisrael Otan mi yimneh? Hein b'khol dor yakum hagibor, go-el ha-am.

Sh'ma! Ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man hazeh Maccabee moshiya u'fodeh U'v'yameinu kol am Yisrael Yitacheid yakum l'higa-el.

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

Sh'ma! 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.

Lighting the Hanukkah Candles

Candles are lit on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah. One the first night, two the second, and an additional candle on each subsequent night. The candle for the first night is placed at the far right of the hanukkiah; on each subsequent night, another candle is added to the left. An extra candle, designated as the "shamash" is lit first, then used to light the others after the blessings are recited.

> בַּרוּך אַתַּה ה', אֱ-לֹהינוּ מֵלֵךְ הַעוֹלַם, אֲשֶׁר קִּדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמְּצְוֹתָיו, וְצִּנְּנוּ לְחַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל חֵנוּכַּה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu I'hadlik neir shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to light the lights of Hanukkah.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה ה׳, אֱ-להינוּ מֱלֵךְ הַעוֹלַם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו, בַּיַמִים הַהֶם ובזמן הזה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-asah nisim la-avoteinu, ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are you Adonai our God, who rules the universe, accomplishing miracles for our ancestors from ancient days until our time.

On the first night only:

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, בָּרוּך אַתַּה ה', אֵ-להינוּ מֵלֶדְ העולם, she-heheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh. שהחינו וקימנו והגענו לזמן הזה.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

After the candles are lit:

הַנְּרוֹת הַלַּלוּ

Ha-neirot Ha-lalu

הַגַּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אֲנוּ מַדְלִיקִים עַל הַנְּסִים וְעַל הנַפַּלאוֹת ועל הַתְּשוֹעוֹת וְעַל הַמְּלְחָמוֹת, שֵעַשִיתָ לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיַמִים הַהָם בַּזְמן הזה, על ידי פֿהַנִיף הַקְּדוֹשׁים. וכַל שמונת ימי חנכה הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הֶם, וְאֵין לָנוּ רְשׁוּת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵשׁ בַּהֶם, אֶלָא לְרְאוֹתָם בִּלְבָד, כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לשמד הגדול, Ha-neirot ha-lalu anu madlikim al ha-nisim v'al ha-nifla'ot v'al ha-t'shu'ot v'al ha-milhamot, she-asita la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh, al y'dei kohanekha ha-k'doshim. v'khol sh'monat y'mei Hanukkah ha-neirot ha-lalu kodesh heim, v'ein lanu r'shut l'hishtameish ba-heim, ela lirotam bilvad, k'dei l'hodot u-lhaleil I'shim'kha ha-gadol, al nisekha v'al nifl'otekha v'al y'shu'atekha.

These lights which we kindle recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through Your holy Kohanim for our ancestors from ancient days until our time. These lights are sacred through all the eight days of Hanukkah. We may not make use of their light, but are only to look upon them, and thus be reminded to thank and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

מעוז צור Ma'oz Tzur

מָעוז צור ישועתי, לד נאה לשבח. תכון בית תפלתי, ושם תודה נובח, לְצֵת תָּכִין מַטְבֵּחַ, מִצָּר הַמְנַבֵּחַ, אַז אָגִמר בִּשִיר מִזְמוֹר, חֵנְכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ.

על נְפָיךּ וְעַל נְפָלָאוֹתֵיךּ וְעל יְשׁוּעתדָּ.

Ma'oz tzur y'shu'ati, l'kha na'eh l'shabei'ah, Tikon beit t'filati, v'sham todah n'zabei'ah, l'eit takhin matbei'ah, mi-tzor hamnabei'ah, az egmor b'shir mizmor, hanukkat ha-mizbei'ah.

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