

# CHANUKAH SERVICE

*Before kindling the lights, the following blessings are recited:*

Baruch attah Adonai, Elohenu Melech ha'olam, asher kidd'shanu b'mitsvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has made us holy by your commandments, and commanded us to kindle the light of Chanukah.**

Baruch attah Adonai, Elohenu Melech ha'olam, she'a'sah nissim la'a'votenu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh.

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in days of old, at this time of year.**

*The following blessing is said on the first night only:*  
Baruch attah Adonai, Elohenu Melech ha'olam, she'he'che'yanu v'kimanu v'hig'gianu lazman hazeh.

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.**

*After kindling the first light the following thanksgiving is said:*

**We light these candles on account of the miracles, the deliverances and the wonders you did perform for our forefathers through your holy priests. During the whole**

**eight days of Chanukah these candles are sacred, and we are not permitted to make any profane use of them; in order that we may give thanks to your Name for your miracles, deliverances and wonders. We thank you too for the greatest miracle of all, the gift of your Son, Yeshua to be our Savior.**



*The service concludes with the singing of the traditional song: **Maoz Tzur***

**Ma-oz Tzur Y'shu-a-ti Le-cha Na-eh L'sha-bei-ach  
Ti-kon Beit T'fi-la-ti V'sham To-da N'za-bei-ach  
L'eit Ta-chin Mat-bei-ach Mi-tzar Ha-mi-na-bei-ach  
Az Eg-mor B'shir Miz-mor Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-bei-ach**

## **Translation:**

O mighty stronghold of my salvation,  
to praise You is a delight.  
Restore my House of Prayer  
and there we will bring a thanksgiving offering.  
When You will have prepared the slaughter  
for the blaspheming foe,  
Then I shall complete with a song of hymn  
the dedication of the Altar.

*Maoz Tzur translation courtesy of [www.ou.org](http://www.ou.org).*