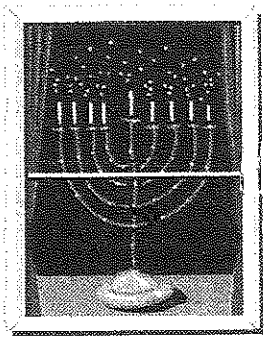
How to Celebrate Chanukah



This year the first day of Chanukah is on 19th December, so we light the first candle on the night of 18th December. Chanukah is primarily celebrated in the home by lighting the candles on the eight evenings of the festival, blessing them and singing *Ma-oz Tsur*. You will need a chanukiah and 44 candles, enough for the whole 8 days. In some families each child lights his or her own chanukiah.

- Place the chanukiah in a prominent, safe, position – traditionally, in the window, to publicise the miracle to passers-by.
- Candles can be lit at any time after dusk, except on Friday when they should be lit before the Shabbat candles.
- Place the candles from right to left in the chanukiah.
- Light the shammas, the servant candle, with a match, then use the shammas to light the others. Light the candles from left to right, i.e. light the new one first.
- Say the blessings as you light the candles – the *Shehecheynu* is said on the first night only

Baruch Atah Adonai, Elohaynu Melech ha-olam, asher kiddishonu Bamitzvotav, vetzivonu, lehadlick ne'er shel chanukah
Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, who makes us holy through his commandments and commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukah

Baruch Atah Adonai, Elohaynu Melech ha-olam, sheassa Nissim l'avatonu bayamim hahaym ovizman hazeh
Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, who performed wonders For our ancestors in those days at this season

Baruch Atah Adonai, Elohaynu Melech ha-olam
Shehecheynu, bekiemanu, vehigiyanu, lazman hazeh
Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has Kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season

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Number of Candles (Plus the Shamash, of course!)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
EVENING OF	Sunday 18th December	Monday 19th December	Tuesday 20th December	Wednesday 21st December	Thursday 22nd December	Friday 23rd December	Shabbat 24th December	Sunday 25th December