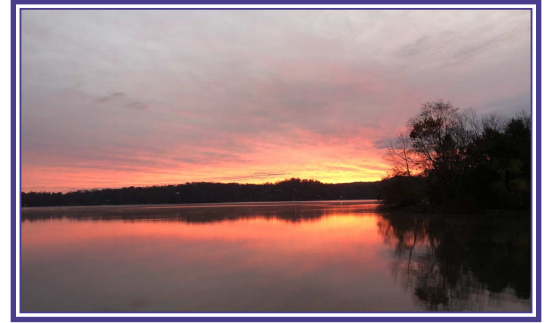


Shining the Chanukah Lights

In the darkest times of the year, flames are lit throughout the world to proclaim the power of the spirit to shine and reunite us in love, hope and generosity. As we light the candles of Chanukah, may we rededicate ourselves to our highest values. May we feel the wisdom of the ancestors, the sacredness of the earth and the strength of each other calling us to shine.



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Barukh atah Yab, Eloheyenu, melekh ha'olam asher kidishanu b'mitz'otav v'tzivanu l'had'lik neur shel Chanukah.

Blessed is the Mystery that flows through time and space
and calls us into sacred relationship through the kindling of the Chanukah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְן הַזֶּה.

Barukh atah Yab, Eloheyenu, melekh ha'olam she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim habeim baziman hazeh.

Blessed is the Mystery that brings forth miracles in all times.

One Candle

Shining Lights of Gratitude

WE GIVE THANKS for the gifts and blessings in our lives. May gratitude open our hearts, inspire amazement and call forth love.

Naming something we feel grateful for we add this prayer for the first night.

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וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לַזִּמְן הַזֶּה.

Barukh atah Yab, Eloheyenu, melekh ha'olam, shebechebyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

BLESSED IS THE ONE who flows through all the worlds, who gives us life, who lifts us up and brings us to this moment.

Two Candles

Shining Lights of Generosity

WE HONOR THE POWER of generosity to connect and heal.

As we kindle the lights, let us recall a moment when we were met with generosity and give thanks for this precious gift.

May we share our abundance freely, affirming the interdependence of all life.

Three Candles

Shining Lights of Kindness

THESE TIMES CALL for radical kindness.

As we light these candles, let us name and celebrate moments when we made choices to act with kindness. May we know deeply that everything we do matters and acts of kindness change us and the world.

Four Candles

Shining Lights of Courage

IT TAKES COURAGE to keep walking into the unknown.

Let these candles illuminate moments of courage we have experienced in ourselves and witnessed in each other. May the wisdom of the ancestors, the rhythms of the earth and the lives of future generations inspire our courage and determination.

Five Candles

Shining Lights of Goodness

LET US GIVE THANKS for the many people who everyday bring goodness into the world through their words and actions.

As we kindle the flames, let us share good news. May this inspire and strengthen our resolve.

Six Candles

Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Shining Lights of Shabbat

AS WE LIGHT THE CHANUKAH AND SHABBAT CANDLES, we remind ourselves that pausing and resting are sacred and essential practices. Pausing calls us present, allows time for discernment and refreshes our souls.

Let us breathe deeply as we enter into Shabbat Chanukah and give thanks for the freedom to rest.



Seven Candles

Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Shining Lights of Moments of Joy

LIFE IS FILLED with moments of joy, sweetness, love, connection, wonder and delight. Honoring these moments strengthens our capacity to meet whatever arises with courage and grace. With each candle, let us name and shine lights on moments of joy. May these experiences sustain and guide us.

Eight Candles

Shining Lights on the Gifts

We Bring to the World

EACH OF US is here to share our gifts and blessings. As we kindle these lights, let us honor and give thanks for what is ours to give. Let us rededicate ourselves to living fully and boldly, and shining our lights for the well being of all.

In the fullness of the flames, we give thanks for the resilience of the human spirit and rededicate ourselves to living in sacred relationship with each other and all the world.

May this season inspire courageous and loving actions that open the way to justice and peace.

With Love and Blessing,
Rabbi Yael Levy



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