

# CHANUKAH SONGS

## Chanukah Candle Blessings

ברוך אתה יהוה Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai  
אלהינו מלך העולם E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam  
אשר קדשנו במצותינו a-sher kide-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav  
וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik neir shel Chanukah

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שעשה נסים לאבותינו She-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu  
בימים ההם בזמן הזה Ba-ya-mim ha-heim baz'man ha-zeh

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שהחינו She-he-che-ya-nu  
וקימנו V'ki-ye-ma-nu  
והגיענו V'hi-gi-ya-nu  
לזמן הזה Laz-man ha-zeh

## Maoz Tzur / Rock of Ages

Ma-oz tzur y'shu-a -ti	Rock of ages, let our song
L'cha na-e l'sha-bei-ach	Praise Your saving power
Ti-kon beit t'fi-la-ti	You, amid the raging foes
V'sham to-da n'za-bei-ach	Were our shelt'ring tower
L'eit ta-chin mat-bei-ach	Furious they assailed us
mi-tzar ham-na-bei-ach	But Your arm availed us
Az eg-mor b'shir miz-mor	And your word broke their sword
Chanukat ha-miz-bei-ach (2)	When our own strength failed us (2)

## Mi Y'maleil?

מי ימלל גרורות ישראל?  
אותן מי ימנה?  
חן בכל דור יקום הגבור  
גואל העם

Mi y'ma-leil g'vu-rot yis-ra-eil?  
O-tan mi yim-neh?  
Chein b'-chol dor ya-kum ha-gi-bor  
Go-eil ha-am

שמעו! בימים ההם בזמן הזה  
מכבי מושיע ופודה  
ובימינו כל עם ישראל  
יתחד יקום להגאל

Sh'ma! Ba-ya-mim ha-heim baz'man ha-zeh  
Maccabee mo-shi-a u-fo-deh  
Uv-ya-mei-nu kol am Yis-ra-eil  
Yit-a-cheid ya-kum l'hi-ga-eil

## Who can retell?

Who can retell the things that befell us?  
Who can count them?  
In every age a hero or sage came to our aid. (2)

Hark! In days of yore, in Israel's ancient land  
Brave Macabbeus led the faithful band  
And now all Israel must as one arise  
Redeem itself through deed and sacrifice

## Chanukah, O Chanukah

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah, come light the menorah  
Let's have a party, we'll all dance the hora  
Gather 'round the table, I'll give you a treat  
S'vivon 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 (2)

## Chanukah

Chanukah, Chanukah, chag yafeh kol kach  
Or chaviv, m'saviv gil l'yeled rach  
Chanukah, Chanukah, s'vivon sov sov  
Sov sov sov, sov sov sov  
Mah na-im va-tov

## S'vivon

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

Chag simcha hu la-am  
Neis gadol haya sham  
Neis gadol haya sham  
Chag simcha hu la-am

## **I have a little Driedel**

I have a little dreidel, I made it out of clay  
And when it's dry and ready, Oh dreidel I shall play

It has a lovely body with legs all short and thin  
And when it gets all tired, it drops and then I win

May dreidel's always playful, it loves to dance and spin  
A happy game of dreidel, come play now let's begin

*Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay  
And when it's dry and ready, oh dreidel I shall play*

## **The Latke Song**

*by Debbie Friedman*

I am so mixed up that 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 the town.

I am a latke, I'm a latke  
And I am waiting for Chanukah to come.  
I am a latke, I'm a latke  
And I am waiting for Chanukah 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.

### **REFRAIN**

It's important that I have an understanding,  
Of what it is that I'm supposed to do.  
You see, there are many who are homeless,  
With no jobs, no clothes and very little food.

### **REFRAIN**

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.

Matza and charoset are for Pesach,  
Chopped liver and challah for Shabbat.  
Blintzes on Shavuot are delicious,  
And gefilte fish no holiday's without.

It's so important that we all remember,  
That while we have most of the things we need,  
We must remember those who have so little,  
We must help them, we must be the ones to feed.

# **Light One Candle**

*by Peter Yarrow*

**Light one candle for the Maccabee children.  
Give 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.  
Light one candle for the wisdom to know  
when the peacemaker's time is at hand.**

**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.  
Light one candle to bind us together  
with peace at the song in our heart.**

**What is the memory that's valued so highly  
that we keep alive in that flame?  
What's the commitment to those who have died  
when we cry out, "They've not died in vain?"  
We have 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.**

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