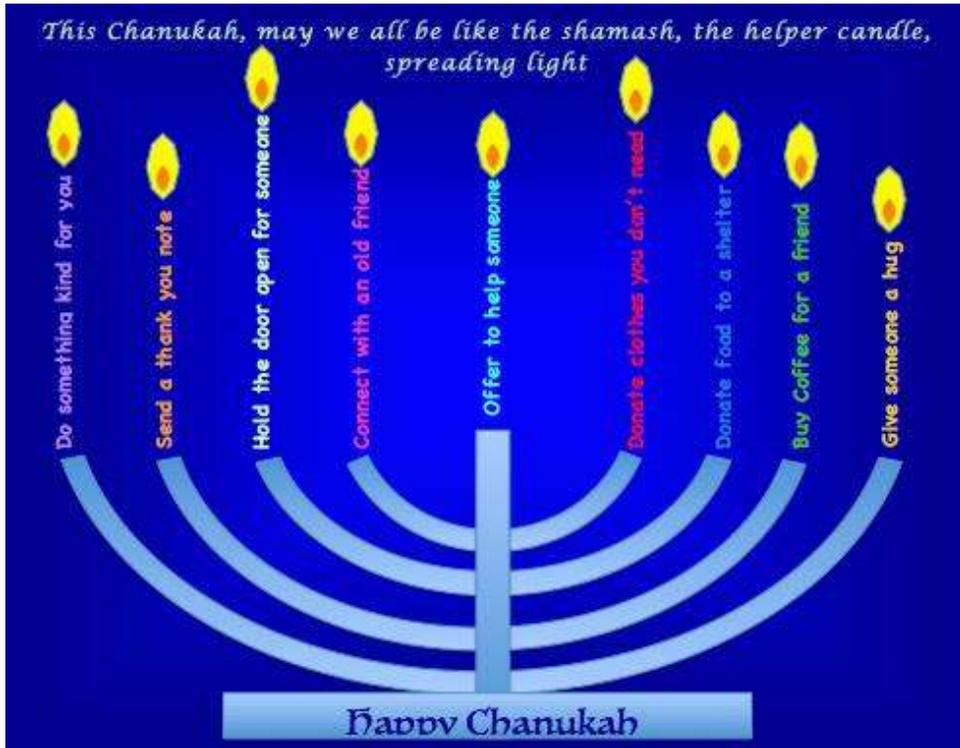


## Share the Light, Share the Kindness



## Survival

Surrounded by memories  
I unpack the Chanukah boxes.  
When did we accumulate four boxes?  
Each menorah from a different period  
Stretching back through the generations  
From a first apartment, a caring neighbor  
A dorm room, a new marriage, the birth of a child  
The ones the kids made.  
My history can be traced through these candles.  
They represent the joyous times.

One story not represented  
When joy turned to darkness  
When my life turned to fear  
Slowly, slowly I emerge  
To take my place  
To reclaim my voice.  
Like the band of Maccabees that fought for freedom  
I, too, fought for survival.

I fought, I wrestled, I kicked, I screamed all night.  
And like Jacob who wrestled all night.  
I prevailed.  
I won.

Like the Maccabees that rededicated the Temple  
I, too, rededicate myself  
“In a place where there were no men,  
strive to be a good person.”  
That’s how I strive.  
Every day  
To be good.  
To make a difference.  
To make my life count.

I survived. I am here.

It is time to celebrate the miracles.  
Of survival. Of peace. Of freedom.  
Light the candles and increase our joy.  
Night by night by night.  
The darkness turns again to joy.

*Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein, Chanukah 5770*

## **Oh Lord Prepare Me:**

Oh Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
And with thanksgiving  
I'll be a living Sanctuary for You  
V'ah-soo lee mik-dash  
v'sha-hantee b'to-ham...

## **Rededication:**

It's not like the Temple, sullied  
by improper use and then washed clean  
and restored to former glory.  
This house is tarnished by familiarity.  
Month after pandemic month I've circled  
from bed to table to sofa to bed again.  
I no longer see the mezuzah  
on every door frame. Tonight  
with one tiny candle I light another.  
I want their little flames to galvanize  
my hands to consecrate each room.  
I sweep flour from my kitchen,  
affirming here where I sing to my challah is holy.  
So too the hallway where I hang coats  
and newly-washed fabric masks to dry,  
the bedroom with its pile of quilts  
and rosemary plant in the window  
struggling to make it until spring.  
God, we're all struggling to make it  
until spring. Help me make this house  
a place where hope keeps burning bright.

*Rabbi Rachel Barenblat*

## Chanukah Blessings

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

Baruch ata Adonai, eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, vitzvanu lahadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe who sanctifies us with commandments and commands us to light the lights of Chanukah.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם  
בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch ata Adonai, eloheinu melech ha'olam sh'asa nisim l'avotenu bayamim ha'hem, bazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe who made miracles for our ancestors In those days, at this time.

**On the First Night: ( or any night of Chanukah that is special for you this year)**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁחַיָּינוּ, וְקִיְּמָנוּ, וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch ata Adonai, eloheinu melech ha'olam shehechianu v'ki'imanu v'higianu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe who has granted us life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this time.

## Songs

### Ma'oz Tzur

Ma'oz Tzur y'shuati  
L'cha na'eh l'shabei'ach  
Tikon beit tefilati  
V'sham todah n'sabei'ach  
L'eit tachin Matbei'ach  
Mitzar hamnabei'ach  
Az egmor b'shir mizmor  
Chanukat hamizbei'ach

Rock of Ages, let our song  
Praise Your saving power.  
You amid the raging throng  
Were our sheltering tower.  
Furious they assailed us,  
But Your help availed us.  
And Your word broke their sword  
When our own strength failed us.

### Al hanisim

Al hanisim v'al hapurkan, V'al hag'vurot v'al hat'shuot  
V'al hamilchamot sheasita lavoteinu  
Bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

### Not by Might

Not by might and not by power  
But by spirit alone  
Shall we all live in peace. (2x)  
The children sing.  
The children dream.  
Though their tears may fall  
We can hear them call  
And another song will rise (3x)

## **I Have a Little Dreidel**

I have a little dreidel,  
I made it out of clay.  
And when it's dry and ready,  
Oh dreidel I shall play.  
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,  
I made it out of clay;  
And when it's dry and ready,  
Then dreidel I shall play.  
It has a lovely body,  
With legs so short and thin.  
And when it gets all tired,  
It drops and then I win.

## **S'vivon, sov, sov, sov**

S'vivon, sov, sov, sov!  
Chanukkah, hu chag tov;  
Chanukkah, hu chag tov;  
S'vivon, sov, sov, sov  
Chag simcha hu la-am  
Nes gadol haya sham;  
Nes gadol haya sham;  
Chag simcha hu la-am.

## **This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (X3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
I'm gonna take this light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine (X3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
I won't let anyone "pfff" it out, I'm gonna let it shine (X3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

## Oh Chanukah

O Chanukah O Chanukah, 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  
Dreydels 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 (2x)

Yiddish:  
Oy Chanukah oy Chanukah, a yontif a sheiner  
A lustiker a freylicher nito noch a zeyner  
Alle nacht in dreydlech shpiln mir  
Zudik hesse latkes essen mir  
Geshvinder tsindt kinder di Chanukah lichtelech on  
Zol yeder bazunder bazingen dem vunder un  
tantzen freylech in kohn (2x)

## The Latke Song (Debbie Friedman)

**Chorus: I am a latke, I'm a latke. And I'm waiting for Chanukah to come (repeat).**

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 town.  
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.

**Chorus: I am a latke, I'm a latke. And I'm waiting for Chanukah to come (repeat).**

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

**Chorus: I am a latke, I'm a latke. And I'm waiting for Chanukah to come (repeat).**

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 homes, no clothes and very little food.  
It's 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

**Chorus: I am a latke, I'm a latke. And I'm waiting for Chanukah to come (repeat).**

## **Light One Candle (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.

### **Chorus:**

**Don't let the light go out**

**It's lasted for so many years**

**Don't let the light go out**

**Let it shine through our love and our tears.**

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 the peace as the song in our heart.

### **Chorus**

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 the promise  
And this is why we will not fail.

### **Chorus**

## **Light these Lights (Debbie Friedman)**

Oh hear my prayer I sing to you be gracious to the ones I love  
And bless them with goodness and mercy and peace  
Oh hear my prayer to you

Let us light these lights and see the way to you and let us say amen.  
Let us light these lights and see the way to you and let us say amen.

## Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen)

Now, I've heard there was a secret chord  
That David played and it pleased the Lord  
But you don't really care for music, do you?  
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth, the minor fall, the major lift  
The baffled king composing Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Your faith was strong but you needed proof  
You saw her bathing on the roof  
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you  
She tied you to a kitchen chair  
She broke your throne and she cut your hair  
And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

You say I took the name in vain  
I don't even know the name  
But if I did, well really, what's it to you?  
There's a blaze of light in every word  
It doesn't matter which are heard  
The holy or the broken Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah



## Ocho Kandelikas

Hanukah linda sta aki, ocho kandelas para mi,  
Hanukah Linda sta aki, ocho kandelas para mi. O...

Una kandelika, dos kandelikas, tres kandelikas,  
kuatro kandelikas, sintyu kandelikas,  
sej kandelikas, siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi.

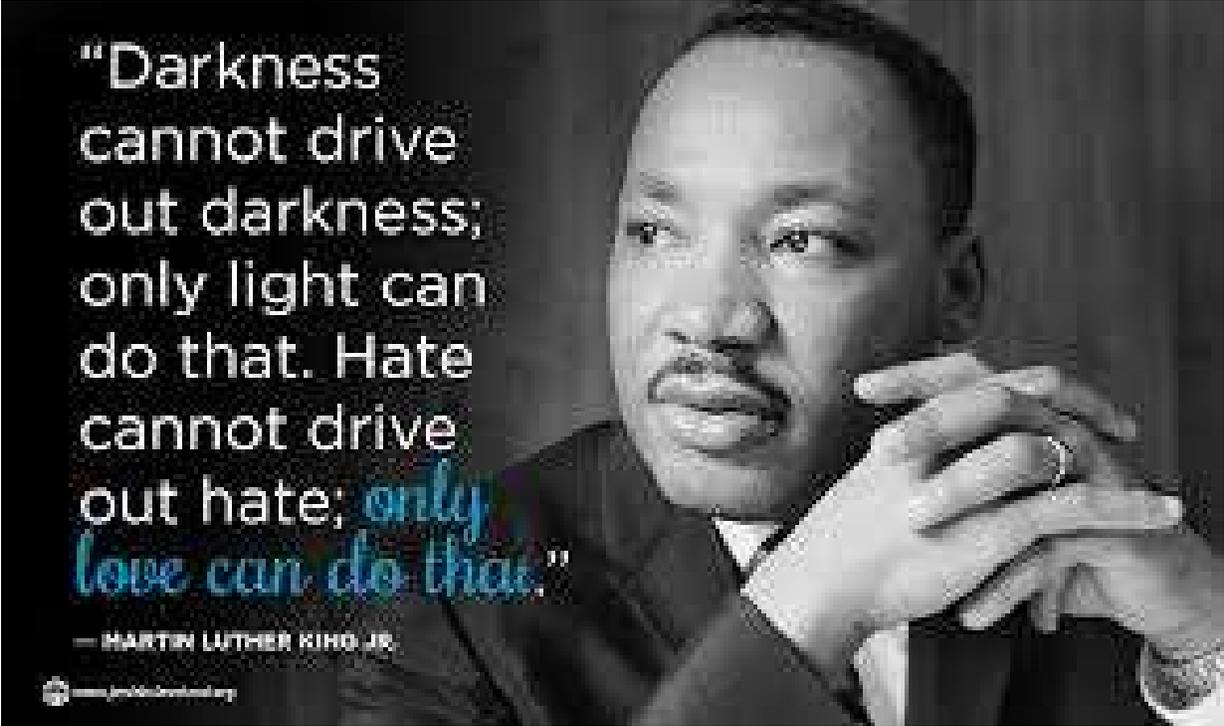
Muchas fiestas vo fazer, con alegrias i plazer.  
Muchas fiestas vo fazer, con alegrias i plazer. O...

Una kandelika, dos kandelikas, tres kandelikas,  
kuatro kandelikas, sintyu kandelikas,  
sej kandelikas, siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi.

Los pastelikos vo kumer, con almendrikas i la myel  
Los pastelikos vo kumer, con almendrikas i la myel. O...

Una kandelika, dos kandelikas, tres kandelikas, quatro kandelikas, sintyu kandelikas, sej kandelikas, siete kandelikas, ocho kandelikas para mi.

**Remember! You are a blessing. You are the light! Share that light with others.**



"Darkness  
cannot drive  
out darkness;  
only light can  
do that. Hate  
cannot drive  
out hate; *only  
love can do that.*"

— MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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A candle is a small thing. But one candle can light another. And see how its own light increases, as a candle gives its flame to the other.

*You are such a light.*

*~ Moshe Davis*



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