

  
**WEST COAST TORAH CENTER**  
**HANUKKAH LIGHTING GUIDE**  
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**Where do I place the Hanukiah?**

- ♦ The Hanukah candles should be placed at a height of 31.5 in. from the floor.
- ♦ The Hanukah candles should **NOT** be placed lower than 9.5 in. from the floor.
- ♦ Optimal locations listed in preferential order:
  1. Outside the main door, next to the doorpost, opposite the Mezuzah.
  2. In front of a window which faces the street.
  3. Placed in a central area in your home, such as the dining room table.
- ♦ The Hanukiah should not be moved from its place while lit.

**When do I light?**

- ♦ The Hanukiah should be lit 15 min. after sunset.
- ♦ One should pray Arvit before lighting the Hanukiah, unless there is a fixed Minyan in the synagogue at a later time.
- ♦ One should not sit down for a meal 30 min. before lighting the Hanukiah.
- ♦ Women should not do any chores 30 min. before the lighting nor during the 30 min. they remain lit.
- ♦ If one's husband is out of town, his wife should light at home for him.
- ♦ Once the Hanukiah is lit and Shabbat arrives, the Hanukiah cannot be moved until after Shabbat.

**What order do I set up and light the candles?**

- ♦ Add a candle to the left of the previous night's candle, then light from left to right. (**L-ight = Left to Right**)

 **SET UP**

**LIGHT** 

**How long should the Hanukiah remain lit?**

- ♦ The Hanukah candles should remain lit for at least 30 min.
- ♦ After these 30 min., one may extinguish the flame if one wishes to do so (except of course on Shabbat). One is encouraged though to keep them lit.
- ♦ On Friday night, the Hanukkah candles must remain lit at least 45 min. after sunset.

## LIGHTING GUIDE

**Friday Night, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Recite Berachot 1, 2, 3**



1. Light Hanukiah – 4:25pm
2. Light Shabbat candles – 4:27pm

**Saturday Night, December 16<sup>th</sup>**



1. Say Havdala – after 5:16pm
  2. Light Hanukiah – **Recite Berachot 1, 2**
- ♦ In the Bet Hamidrash / Synagogue the order of the lighting is switched

**Sunday Night, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Recite Berachot 1, 2**



**Monday Night, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Recite Berachot 1, 2**



**Tuesday Night, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Recite Berachot 1, 2**



**Wednesday Night, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Recite Berachot 1, 2**



**Thursday Night, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Recite Berachot 1, 2**



**Friday Night, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Recite Berachot 1, 2**



1. Light Hanukiah – 4:28pm
2. Light Shabbat candles – 4:30pm

## THE BERACHOT

1.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצּוֹתָיו, וְצַוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai – Elohenu Melech Ha-Olam, Asher Ki-d'shanu BeMitsvotav  
VeTsivanu, LeHadlik Ner Hanuka.

2.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים  
הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai – Elohenu Melech Ha-Olam, Sh'Asa Nisim LaAvotenu,  
Bayamim Hahem, BaZeman HaZe.

3.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחֵינּוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן  
הַזֶּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai – Elohenu Melech Ha-Olam, Sh'Heheyanu, Ve'Kiyemanu,  
Ve'Higiyanu, LaZeman HaZe.

(Only to be recited on the first night)

**Light the first candle, and then say ...**

♦ Hanerot Halalu...

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אָנוּ מִדְּלִיקִין עַל הַנִּסִּים, וְעַל הַפְּרָקָן, וְעַל הַגְּבוּרוֹת, וְעַל  
הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת, וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת, וְעַל הַנְּחֻמוֹת, שְׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בַּיָּמִים  
הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה, עַל-יְדֵי כַּהֲנֵיךְ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל-שְׁמוֹנֵת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה  
הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קִדְּשׁ הֵם, וְאֵין לָנוּ רְשׁוֹת לְהַשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֶלָּא לְרְאוֹתָם  
בְּלִבָּד, כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת לְשִׁמְךָ עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעוֹתֶיךָ.

“These lights, we light them, for the miracles, and the rescue, and the strength, and the salvation, and the wonders, and the consolation, that You did for our ancestors, during those days, in that time, via the hands of the sanctified Cohanim. And for all eight days of Hanukah, the candles are holy and we do not have the right to use them (in a mundane fashion) rather they are to be gazed upon exclusively, in order to laud Your Name, vis-à-vis Your miracle, Your wonder and Your salvation.”

- ♦ Mizmor Shir Hanukat Habayit L'David - Psalm 30

תהלים ל

מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר־חֲנֻכַּת הַבַּיִת לְדָוִד. אֲרוּמָךָ יי כִּי דִלִיתָנִי, וְלֹא־שִׁמַּחְתָּ  
 אִיבֵי לִי: יי אֱלֹהֵי, שׁוּעָתִי אֱלִיךָ וְתִרְפָּאֵנִי: יי, הֶעֱלִיתָ מִן־שָׂאוֹל נַפְשִׁי,  
 חִייתָנִי מִיַּרְדֵּי־בוֹר: זָמְרוּ לַיי חֲסִידָיו, וְהוֹדוּ לְזִכֹּר קִדְשׁוֹ: כִּי רָגַע  
 בְּאָפוֹ, חַיִּים בְּרִצּוֹנוֹ, בְּעָרֵב יֵלִין בְּכִי, וְלִבְּקָר רִנָּה: וְאֲנִי אִמְרָתִי בְּשִׁלוּי,  
 בַּל־אֲמוּט לְעוֹלָם: יי, בְּרִצּוֹנְךָ הֶעֱמַדְתָּה לְהַרְרֵי עֹז, הִסְתַּרְתָּ פְּנֵיךָ,  
 הִייתִי נִבְהָל: אֱלִיךָ יי אֶקְרָא, וְאֶל־אֲדֹנָי אֶתְחַנֵּן: מֵהַ־בָּצַע בְּדָמַי, בְּרִדְתִּי  
 אֶל שַׁחַת, הַיּוֹדֵךְ עֶפְרַי הַיְגִיד אֶמְתָּךְ: שָׁמַע־יי וְחַנּוּנִי, יי הִי־הָעִזָּר לִי:  
 הַפִּכְתָּ מִסִּפְדֵי לְמַחֹל לִי, פִּתַּחְתָּ שְׁקִי, וְתִאֲזַרְנִי שִׁמְחָה: לְמַעַן יִזְמְרֶךָ  
 כְּבוֹד וְלֹא יִדָּם, יי אֱלֹהֵי לְעוֹלָם אוֹדְךָ:

- ♦ MaOz Tsur Yeshuati...

מַעֲוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי	לְךָ נָאָה לְשַׁבָּח,
תְּכוּן בַּיִת תְּפִלָּתִי	וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח,
לַעֲת תִּכְיֶן מִטְּבַח	מִצָּר הַמְּנַבַּח,
אֲז אֲגַמֵּר	בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּזַבַּח.
יוֹנִים נִקְבְּצוּ עָלַי	אֲזִי בִימֵי חֲשָׁמַנִּים,
וּפְרָצוּ חוֹמוֹת מִגְדְּלִי	וְטָמְאוּ כָּל־הַשְּׁמָנִים,
וּמְנוֹתַר קִנְקָנִים	נַעֲשֶׂה נֵס לְשׁוֹשָׁנִים,
בְּנֵי בֵינָה	יְמֵי שְׁמוֹנָה קָבְעוּ שִׁיר וּרְנָנִים.

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 if you have any specific questions regarding Hanukah.**

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