



## Instructions for Lighting the Chanukiyah

**You fill the Chanukiyah from RIGHT to LEFT.  
BUT... you light the Chanukiyah from LEFT to RIGHT.  
(Just remember: "Load from the Right, Light from the Left")**

1. After inserting the correct number of candles in the Chanukiyah, light the *shamash*, and say the following blessing:  
**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.**

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'Olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivoanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy by His commandments and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

2. Light the candles from LEFT to RIGHT as you chant the remaining blessing(s):

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה.**

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'Olam, she'assah nisim l'avoteinu, ba'yamim ha'heim baz'man ha'zeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who made miracles for our ancestors in their time and in our time.

3. The "*shehecheyanu*" is recited on the first night only:

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ  
לְזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה.**

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'Olam, she-he-che-yanu v'kiy'manu v'hi-giyanu laz'man ha'zeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has kept us a live and sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.





# How to Play Dreidel

**Dreidel is a traditional Chanukah game played in Jewish homes all over the world, and rules may vary. Here's how to play the basic dreidel game:**

- Any number of people can take part in this great game.
- Each player begins the game with an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15) such as pennies, nuts, chocolate chips, raisins, matchsticks, etc.
- At the beginning of each round, every participant puts one game piece into the center "pot." In addition, every time the pot is empty or has only one game piece left, every player should put one in the pot.
- Every time it's your turn, spin the dreidel once. Depending on the outcome, you give or get game pieces from the pot:
  - **Nun** means "*nisht*" or "nothing" [in Yiddish]. The player does nothing.
  - **Gimmel** means "*gantz*" or "everything" [in Yiddish]. The player gets everything in the pot.
  - **Hey** means "*halb*" or "half" [in Yiddish]. The player gets half of the pot. (If there is an odd number of pieces in the pot, the player takes half of the total plus one).
  - **Shin** (outside of Israel) means "*shtet*" or "put in" [in Yiddish]. *Peh* (in Israel) means "pay." The player adds a game piece to the pot.
- If you find that you have no game pieces left, you are either "out" or may ask a fellow player for a "loan."
- When one person has won everything, that round of the game is over!