Menorah Lighting and Blessings Card

One printable page to keep beside the menorah: where each night's lights go, the order of lighting, the blessings in Hebrew, transliteration and English, and Haneiros Halalu.

Lighting the menorah

Set up. On the first night, one light at the far right. Each night, add one more to its left.

Light the shamash and hold it in your right hand.

Say the blessings: all three on the first night; the first two on every other night.

Light the newest light first, on the far left, then the others from left to right. Do not speak until all are lit.

Sing Haneiros Halalu, and stay near the lights for half an hour. They burn at least 50 minutes.

On Friday light before the Shabbos candles, with extra oil. **On Motzei Shabbos** make Havdalah first, then light.

1. L'hadlik ner Chanukah

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי-י אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvosav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner Chanukah.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has made us holy through His commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

2. She'asah nissim

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי-י אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בִּזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech ha'olam, she'asah nissim la'avoseinu bayamim hahem bizman hazeh.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who did miracles for our fathers in those days, at this time.

3. Shehecheyanu (first night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲ-דֹנָ-י אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לִזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu lizman hazeh.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this time.

Haneiros Halalu

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אָנוּ מַדְלִיקִין, עַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלָאוֹת, שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בִּזְמַן הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי כֹּהֲנֶיךָ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל שְׁמוֹנַת יְמֵי חֲנֻכָּה, הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הֵם, וְאֵין לָנוּ רְשׁוּת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶן, אֶלָּא לִרְאוֹתָן בִּלְבָד, כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל, עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעוֹתֶיךָ.

Haneiros halalu anu madlikin, al hat'shu'os v'al hanissim v'al haniflo'os, she'asisa la'avoseinu bayamim hahem bizman hazeh, al y'dei kohanecha hak'doshim. V'chol sh'monas y'mei Chanukah, haneiros halalu kodesh hem, v'ein lanu r'shus l'hishtamesh bahen, ela lir'osan bilvad, k'dei l'hodos ul'hallel l'shimcha hagadol, al nisecha v'al nifl'osecha v'al y'shu'osecha.

We kindle these lights for the deliverances, the miracles and the wonders that You did for our ancestors in those days, at this season, through Your holy Kohanim. Throughout the eight days of Chanukah these lights are holy. We may not make use of them, only look at them, so that we may thank and praise Your great Name for Your miracles, Your wonders and Your deliverances.

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