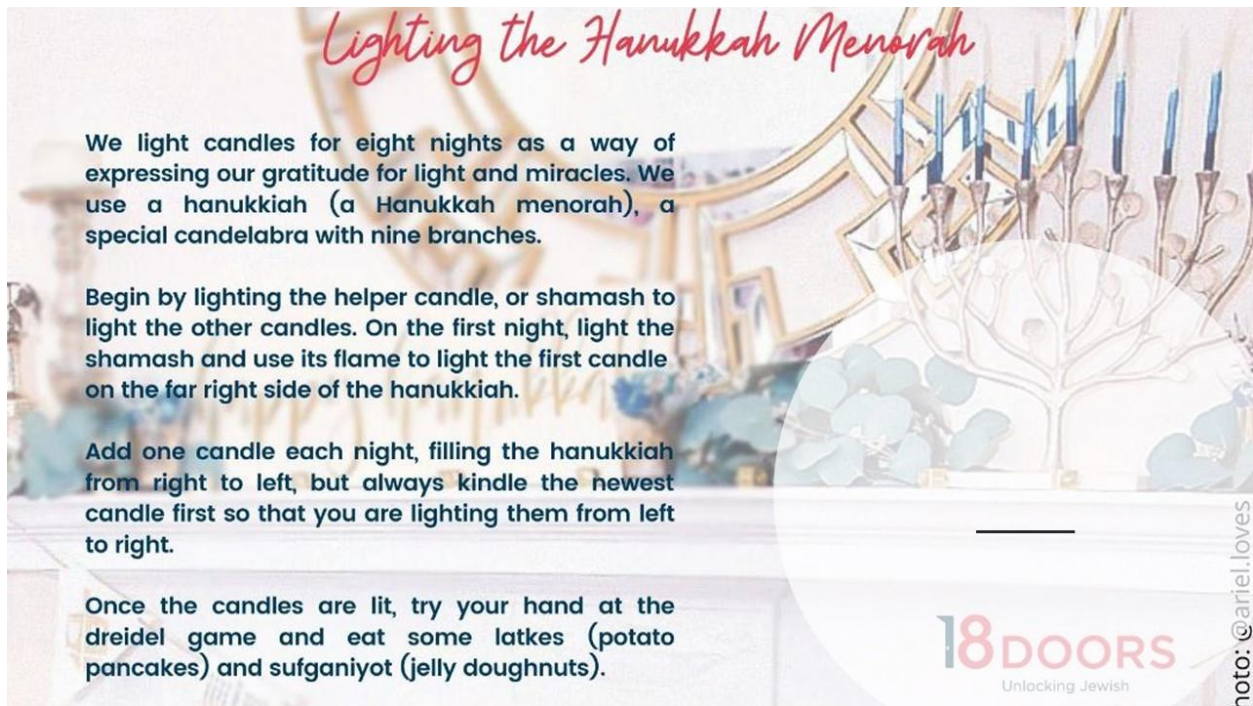


Menorah Lighting Instructions



Lighting the Hanukkah Menorah

We light candles for eight nights as a way of expressing our gratitude for light and miracles. We use a hanukkiah (a Hanukkah menorah), a special candelabra with nine branches.

Begin by lighting the helper candle, or shamash to light the other candles. On the first night, light the shamash and use its flame to light the first candle on the far right side of the hanukkiah.

Add one candle each night, filling the hanukkiah from right to left, but always kindle the newest candle first so that you are lighting them from left to right.

Once the candles are lit, try your hand at the dreidel game and eat some latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts).

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Chanukkah Blessings



The Blessings

ON EACH NIGHT, ONCE THE CANDLES ARE LIT, SAY OR SING

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, ruler of the universe, who sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to light Hanukkah candles.

And then add:
Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim ha-hem bazman hazeh.

Blessed you are, Eternal our God, ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time.

Happy Hanukkah

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, ruler of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

ON THE FIRST NIGHT, WE ALSO SAY THE SHEHECHYANU

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