

The History of Hanukkah

This is the Jewish year 5764, which is the year 2003 to most of the world. Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev, which began the evening of December 19th. Tonight is the first night, we light 1 candle plus the servant candle. The traditional greeting Jews extend to one another during this holiday is

**H a g o r i m
same'ach. Happy
Feast
of Lights!**

Hanukkah also spelled Chanukah, marks the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after its recapture from the Syrian Greeks c.165 B.C.E. A legend of a miracle is recorded in the Talmud--the burning of a day's supply of pure olive oil for eight days, until fresh jars of clean oil could be brought into the temple--accounts for the eight days during which candles are kindled during Hanukkah.

The eight-branched menorah, candelabrum has become a symbol of the holiday. The Book of Second Maccabees, one of the earliest sources on the origins of Hanukkah, connects the eight days of the festival with the eight day observance of Sukkot, the feast of Tabernacles.



The Nine Branch Menorah is a Symbol of Hanukkah

According to the text, the first Hanukkah in 164 B.C.E. was celebrated as a delayed Sukkot, since the Maccabees had been unable to observe the holiday properly while they were fighting in the hills. That first Hanukkah observance featured wands wreathed with leaves, branches, and palm leaves also known as the lulav. Hanukkah is a time to rededicate our lives to Adonai.

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Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. ² And he said to me, "What do you see?"

So I said, "I am looking, and there *is* a lampstand, menorah of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. ³ Two olive trees *are* by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." ⁴ So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What *are* these, my lord?"

⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?"

And I said, "No, my lord."

⁶ So he answered and said to me:

"This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:
'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the LORD of hosts.

⁷ 'Who *are* you, O great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain!
And he shall bring forth the capstone
With shouts of "**Grace, grace to it!**" ' "

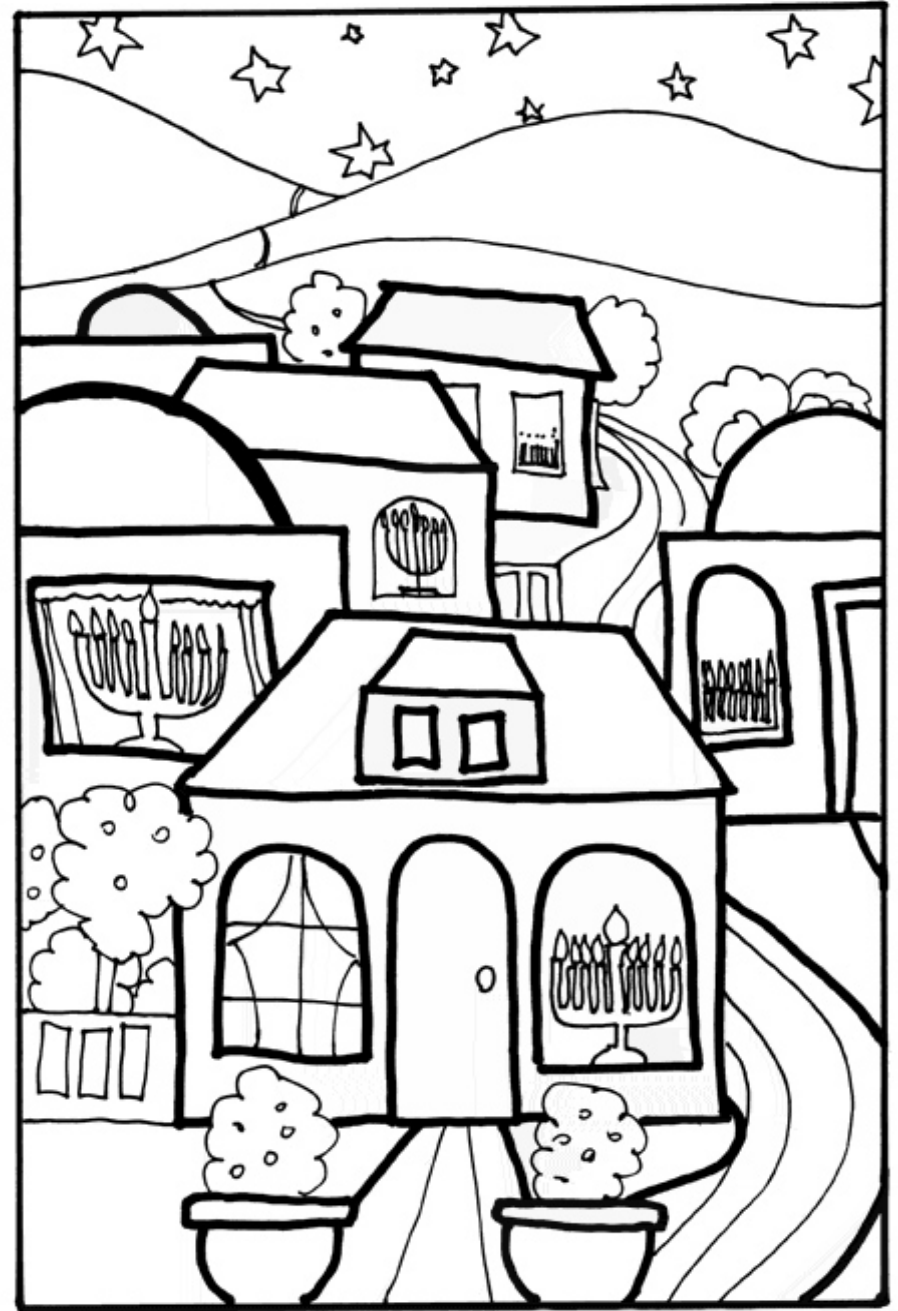
⁸ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

⁹ "The hands of Zerubbabel
Have laid the foundation of this temple;
His hands shall also finish *it*.
Then you will know
That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.
¹⁰ For who has despised the day of small things?
For these seven rejoice to see
The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.
They are the eyes of the LORD,
Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

¹¹ Then I answered and said to him, "What *are* these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?" ¹² And I further answered and said to him, "What *are these* two olive branches that *drip* into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden *oil* drains?"

¹³ Then he answered me and said, "Do you not know what these *are*?"
And I said, "No, my lord."

¹⁴ So he said, "**These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.**"



Shamash (Servant) Candle

Messiah Yeshua stated in Mark 10:44-45: Whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

First Candle

Genesis 1:3-4 describes the creation of the first light: God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Second Candle

Exodus 13:21-22 reveals that God is the source of Israel's light: And the Lord was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Third Candle

King David reminds us in Psalm 27:1 and Psalm 18:28 that God Himself is the source of our own individual light: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? For You light my lamp; the Lord my God illumines my darkness.

Fourth Candle

Psalm 119:105 and Psalm 119:130 describe the light that comes from God's Word: Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Fifth Candle

Messiah Yeshua is the greatest light of all: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it (John 1:4-5). As Messiah Yeshua was in the Temple in Jerusalem watching the illuminating lights, He declared: "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). Aged Simeon was promised by the Lord that he would not die until he saw Israel's Messiah. When he saw Yeshua as an infant in the Temple, he knew that this One was the light of Israel and the Nations. Simeon declared: "My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32). For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Messiah (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Sixth Candle

After we come to know Messiah, we are to be a source of light for the world. King Messiah tells us in Matthew 5:14-16: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Seventh Candle

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the future glory of a restored Israel in Isaiah 60:1-3: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you... And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Eighth Candle

Revelation 21:22-27 give us a description of our glorious eternal dwelling place in the New Jerusalem: And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it. And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed; and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life!

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

OPENING SONG:

CELEBRATE YESHUA



THE DREIDLE—A GREAT MIRACLE HAPPENED HERE CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC: I HAD A LITTLE DREIDLE

CONGREGATIONAL READING: PSALM 27:1-7

All:

THE L-RD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The L-RD is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?

When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear;
Though war arise against me, in *spite of* this I shall be confident.

One thing I have asked from the L-RD, that I shall seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the L-RD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the L-RD, and to meditate in His temple.

For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me;
And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the L-RD.

Hear, O L-RD, when I cry with my voice,
And be gracious to me and answer me.

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT KUMI ORI



Congregation Rise

SH'MA: DEUTERONOMY 6:4

All:

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Elohenu, Adonai Echad!

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Baruch shem k'vod malchuto l'olam va-ed!

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One!
Praised be His Name, Whose glorious kingdom is forever and forever!

Congregation Seated

READING: DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. "And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."



THE BIRKAT HACOHENIM:



NUMBERS 6:24-26

בְּרַכְךָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ:

יְאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיְחַנְּךָ:

יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:



May the Lord bless you, and keep you;

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you His peace.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP: SEE THE HANNUKIAH

**RESPONSIVE READING:
AL HANISSIM**



Reader:

We light these lights for the miracles and the wonders,

Congregation:

For the redemption and the battles that You made for our forefathers

In those days, at this season, through Your holy priests.

Reader:

During all eight days of Hanukkah these lights are holy
And we are not permitted to make ordinary use of them,

Congregation:

But only to look at them; in order to express thanks and praise
to Your great Name

For Your miracles, Your wonders, and Your Salvation.

PRAISE: MI CHAMOCHA

MESSAGE: NOT BY MIGHT, NOT BY POWER



**CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC:
O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION TO THE CHILDREN

OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:

V'AHAVTA
by Marty Goetz

V'ahavta et Adonai Elohecha
B'chol l'avvcha, uv'chol nafsh'cha
Uv'chol m'odecha
Vahavta et Adonai Elohecha
B'chol l'avvcha, uv'chol nafsh'cha
Uv'chol m'odecha

And you shall love the Lord your God;
With all of your heart, and with all of your soul
And with all of your might
And you shall love the Lord your God;
With all of your heart, with all of your soul
With all of your mind, with all of your strength!

V'ahavta l'reyacha kamocho
You shall love your neighbor as yourself;
And upon these two commandments
Stands the whole law, love your neighbor,
Love your God, V'ahavta!

**CONGREGATIONAL READING:
PSALM 119:105-112**



All:

Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.
I have sworn, and I will confirm it, that I will keep Thy righteous ordinances.
I am exceedingly afflicted; revive me, O L-RD, according to Thy word.
O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O L-RD, and teach me Thine ordinances.

My life is continually in my hand, yet I do not forget Thy law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not gone astray from Thy precepts.

I have inherited Thy testimonies forever, for they are the joy of my heart.
I have inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes forever, *even* to the end.

THE TORAH PROCESSIONAL

Congregation Rises

When the Ark would travel, Moses would say,
"Arise O Lord, and let Your enemies be scattered,
and let them that hate You flee from You."
For from Zion will go forth the Torah,
and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
Blessed be He,
Who in His holiness,
gave the Torah to His people Israel.



IT IS OUR CUSTOM TO TOUCH THE TORAH WITH OUR BIBLES TO THANK GOD FOR THE SCRIPTURES

PROCESSIONAL SINGING:

All:

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path,

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear,
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end.

I will not forget, Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Yeshua, be my guide,
And hold me to Your side.
And I will love You to the end.

Congregation seated after the processional

HANUKKAH BLESSINGS

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְחִזְקָנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה:

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
asher kidashanu ba-mitzvotav v'Chizakanu
le-hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, O L-rd our God, King of the Universe,
Who has sanctified us with His commandments and
strengthens us to light the Hanukkah lights.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
נֹסִים לְאַבוֹתַי יָנוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה:
שַׁעֲשֵׂה

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam
she'asa nisim la'avoteinu b'yamim ha'heym b'zman hazeh.

Blessed are you, O L-rd our God, King of the universe,
who performed miracles for our ancestors, in those days,
in this season.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה:

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam
Shehecheeyanoo, v'keey'manoo V'heegeeyanoo lazman hazeh

Blessed are You, O L-rd our God, King of the Universe,
Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us
to this season.

THE LIGHTING OF THE HANUKKAH CANDLES

Please come forward to help the children light the Hanukkah Candles.

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC:

LIGHT OF MY LIFE



PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

MAOZ TZUR MI YEMALEL



THE HANUKKAH STORY:

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:

O' HANUKKAH

Celebration Blessing:

Blessed are You O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has given us holidays, customs, and times of happiness, to increase the knowledge of God and to build us up in our most holy faith.

Baruch Ata Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha-olam,
ah-sheer nah-tan lah-nu cha-gim, min-ha-gim,
oo-mo-ah-dim l'sim-cha, l'hag-deel et da-at Adonai,
v'liv-not oh-tah-nu b'emunah ki-do-shah v'na-ah-lah.

According to a legend recorded in the Talmud, a cruse of oil lasted for eight nights even though there was only enough oil for one night. Therefore, one candle is added for eight nights. The procedure of illuminating Hanukkah lights: The Shamash (Servant-Messiah) candle has its own special place. Start placing the others at the far right. Add one candle for each of the eight nights and place right to left for adding candles, left to right for lighting candles.

The center, highest light (which is sometimes found on the side of the menorah) is the "shamash." This candle represents the Messiah the Light of the World. Since one is not supposed to use the lights of the menorah for personal benefit, the shamash is used every day to light the other candles. Throughout the 8 days of Hanukkah, the candles are placed in the Menorah from right to left, but are lit from left to right.

On the first night, place to the far right, and then place the servant candle in its special place (usually stands higher than the others). Light the Servant candle then light and use the flame of the servant candle to light the first candle.

On the second night, place two new candles starting on the right. Place a new servant candle in its special place. Light the Servant candle then use it to light the others from the left to the right. After eight nights you should have used 44 candles. $2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 = 44$ total candles.

TORAH BLESSING

Reader:

בְּרַחוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ
Bar-chu et Adonai ham-vo-rach!

Congregation:

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד
Baruch Adonai ham-vo-rach l'olam va-ed!

Reader:

Praise the LORD, to Whom praise is due!

Congregation:

**Praised be the LORD,
To Whom our praise is due,
Now and forever!**



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים
וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ:
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה: אָמֵן:

Reader:

Ba-ruch Atah Adonai, E-lo-hey-nu Me-lech ha-o-lahm,
A-sheer ba-char ba-nu mi-kal ha-a-mim,
V'na-tahn la-nu et Torah-to.
Ba-ruch Atah Adonai, no-teyn ha-Torah. A-meyn.

All:

Bless the Lord, the Blessed One.
Blessed is the Lord, the Blessed One, for all eternity.
Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe,
Who has chosen us from all peoples and has given us His
Torah.



TORAH READING: EXODUS 25:31-40

The Golden Lampstand



“You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it. “And six branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from its one side, and three branches of the lampstand from its other side. “Three cups shall be shaped like almond blossoms in the one branch, a bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bulb and a flower—so for six branches going out from the lampstand; and in the lampstand four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its bulbs and its flowers. “And a bulb shall be under the first pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the second pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the third pair of branches coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand. “Their bulbs and their branches shall be of one piece with it; all of it shall be one piece of hammered work of pure gold. “Then you shall make its lamps seven in number; and they shall mount its lamps so as to shed light on the space in front of it. “And its snuffers and their trays shall be of pure gold. “It shall be made from a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils. “And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.”



THE TORAH IS DISPLAYED

Congregation Rises

וְזֹאת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר שָׂם מֹשֶׁה לְפָנָי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
עַל פִּי יְיָ בְּיַד מֹשֶׁה:

V'zot ha-Torah ah-sheh sahm Mo-she lif-ney b'ney
Yisrael al pi Adonai b'yad Mo-she.

And this is the Torah
that Moses placed before the children of Israel,
at the command of the Lord,
through Moses' hand.



CLOSING THE TORAH

SONG:

OPEN MY EYES

RETURNING THE TORAH TO THE ARK

All

עֵץ חַיִּים הוּא לַמַּחְזִיקִים בָּהּ
וְתִמְכֶיהָ מֵאֲשֶׁר: דְּרָכֶיהָ דְרָכֵי נְעִים
וְכָל נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שְׁלוֹם:
הַשִּׁיבֵנו יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָשׁוּבָה
חֲדָשׁ יְמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם:



Eytz cha-yim hi la-ma-cha-zi-kim ba, v'tom-che-ha m'u-shar.
D'ra-che-ha dar-chey no-ahm, v'chal n'ti-vo-te-ha shalom.
Ha-shi-vey-nu Adonai, ey-le-cha v'na-shu-vah.
Cha-deysh, cha-deysh ya-mey-nu, cha-deysh ya-mey-nu
k'-ke-dem.

**It is a tree of life to those who take hold of it,
and those who support it are praiseworthy.
Its ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all its paths are peace.
Bring us back to You, Lord, and we shall come.
Renew our days as of old.**