

# The 3 Traditional Hanukkah Blessings

## 1. Blessing for Lighting the Candles (Le'hadlik Ner)

Hebrew:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Transliteration:

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

English Translation:

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe,  
who has sanctified us with His commandments  
and commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah light.

## 2. Blessing for the Miracles (She'asah Nisim)

Hebrew:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם, בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Transliteration:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,  
she'asah nisim la'avoteinu  
bayamim ha'hem, bazman hazeh.

English Translation:

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe,  
who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this season.

## 3. Shehecheyanu – Blessing of Gratitude (First Night Only)

Hebrew:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁהַחַיֵּינוּ, וְקִיַּמְנוּ, וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

**Transliteration:**

**Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,  
shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.**

**English Translation:**

**Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe,  
who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.**