

Hanukkah : Songs & Blessings

Brachot (Blessings) For The Season:

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, Asher Kid'shanu B'mitzvotav V'tzivanu L'hadlik Ner Shel Hanukkah.

(Praised are You, Sovereign of All; You've Given Us the Blessing of Mitzvot and Commanded Us to Kindle the Lights of Hanukkah)

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, She'asa Nisim La'avoteinu (v'Imoteinu) Bayamim Hahem Bazman Ha'zeh.

(Praised are You, Sovereign of All; Our Ancestors Witnessed Your Miracles in These Days, Long Ago, at This Time of Year)

first night only:

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, Shehecheyanu V'kiy'manu V'hi'gi'anu Lazman Ha'zeh.

(Praised are You, Sovereign of All, For Creating, Sustaining and Enabling Us to Reach This Day)

Songs of Miracles, Community and Light:

Hanukkah o' Hanukkah:

Hanukkah, o' Hanukkah, come light the menorah! Let's have a party, we'll all dance the Hora!

Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat, S'vivon to play with and latkes to eat.

And while we ... are playing ...

The candles are burning low!

One for each night, they shed a sweet light

And remind us of days long ago!

Maoz Tzur:

Ma'oz tzur y'shu'a'ti

L'cha na-eh L'sha'beiach

Ti'kon beit t'fi-la-ti

V'sham to'dah n'za'beiach

L'eit ta-chin Mat'bei-ach

Mi'tsar ham-na-bei-ach

Az eg-mor B'shir

miz-mor Cha-nu-kat

ha-miz-be-ach

Not By Might:

Not by might and not by power,

But by spirit alone shall we all live in peace! (x2)

The children sing,

The children dream

And their tears may fall, but we'll hear them call

And another song will rise ... another song will rise ...

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(ending) Not by might, not by power, shalom!

Rock of Ages: (Ma'oz Tzur)

Rock of Ages, let our song

Praise Your saving power

You, amid the mighty foe

Were our sheltering tower

Furiously they assailed us

But Your Arm availed us

And Your word broke their sword

When our own strength failed us

S'vi'von:

S'vi'von, sov sov sov / chanukkah hu chag tov / chanukkah hu chag tov / s'vi'von sov sov sov

Chag sim-cha hu la'am / nes gadol ha-ya sham / nes gadol ha-ya sham / chag simcha hu

la'am!

Spin the top, watch it fall, read the letters of Hanukkah, Gimel nun, shin and hey spell miracles from yesterday!
The Temple they rededicated, joyously we celebrate it, Think of all the heroes who made Hanukkah for me and you!