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CHANUKAH CANDLE-LIGHTING BLESSINGS

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

We invite you to illuminate, each day, a different aspect of the Maccabees' heroism, as it manifests here and now, in addition to the traditional holiday blessing.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.
Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh.



1ST
**THE CANDLE
OF THE
MACCABEES**

We light this candle for the Maccabees
And those in all generations
Who followed in their path
Who, in their quest for independence
And freedom, ignited within the nation the forces of
Devotion and bravery that were hidden inside it
And whose vision illuminates our path at this time.





2ND
THE CANDLE
OF THE
WARRIORS

We light this candle for the men and women
Fighting for the country
From the entire nation and from all over the land
Who toil day and night for our safety and security
Working with all the agencies that are engaged
In this mission,
Who have dedicated their strength
To the sovereignty and security of Israel.





3RD

THE CANDLE
OF THE COUNTRY'S
COMMITMENT TO
ITS CITIZENS

We light this candle for our country.
The hope of the generations.
May the State of Israel be
A state of justice and equality,
Bearing the responsibility
For the welfare of all its citizens,
And may it be a role model
For all nations.





4TH
THE CANDLE
FOR THE BORDER
TOWNS

We light this candle for the people of
The cities, towns, and kibbutzim,
The pioneers who are building and creating
A rich fabric of life on Israel's borders
In times of peace and in times of war.
May their spirits be strengthened and may all their
Needs be met.





5TH



THE CANDLE OF HEROISM ON THE HOME FRONT



We light this candle for the thousands of faces
Of heroism during war.

For those who have ceased their daily work
To assist with all that is needed at this time
Collecting, creating, transporting, and listening.

For the healers of the body and the spirit,
The educators and community activists.

For those who sanctify life and togetherness
Even during our difficult times.





6TH

THE CANDLE
OF THE UNIQUE
SPARK IN ALL OF
HUMANKIND

We light this candle for the ability
Of each and every one of us
To choose good, to find revelation in the dawn of
Truth.

To find equal value in all people.
For the very many individual lights
That work together to illuminate the world.





7TH
THE CANDLE
OF JEWISH
UNITY

We light this candle for the entire Jewish people,
In Israel and in the Jewish communities around
The world.

A complex and diverse nation
United in its destiny and its striving for good,
Defending itself from those who seek to harm it.
A people who knows in the depths of it's soul –
Netzach Yisrael Lo Yishaker,
The Eternity of Israel will not falter.





8TH



THE CANDLE OF LONGED-FOR PEACE

We light this candle to illuminate
The path for peace
That will dry up our tears.
We will uphold our aspiration
For the peace we have longed for
So that stability and security
May dwell amongst us and within us.

