


WEST COAST TORAH CENTER
HANUKKAH LIGHTING GUIDE
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Where do I place the Hanukiah?

- ♦ The Hanukah candles should be placed at a height of 31.5 in. from the floor.
- ♦ The Hanukah candles should **NOT** be placed lower than 9.5 in. from the floor.
- ♦ Optimal locations listed in preferential order:
 1. Outside the main door, next to the doorpost, opposite the Mezuzah.
 2. In front of a window which faces the street.
 3. Placed in a central area in your home, such as the dining room table.
- ♦ The Hanukiah should not be moved from its place while lit.

When do I light?

- ♦ The Hanukiah should be lit 15 min. after sunset.
- ♦ One should pray Arvit before lighting the Hanukiah, unless there is a fixed Minyan in the synagogue at a later time.
- ♦ One should not sit down for a meal 30 min. before lighting the Hanukiah.
- ♦ Women should not do any chores 30 min. before the lighting nor during the 30 min. they remain lit.
- ♦ If one's husband is out of town, his wife should light at home for him.
- ♦ Once the Hanukiah is lit and Shabbat arrives, the Hanukiah cannot be moved until after Shabbat.

What order do I set up and light the candles?

- ♦ Add a candle to the left of the previous night's candle, then light from left to right. (**L-ight = Left to Right**)



How long should the Hanukiah remain lit?

- ♦ The Hanukah candles should remain lit for at least 30 min.
- ♦ After these 30 min., one may extinguish the flame if one wishes to do so (except of course on Shabbat). One is encouraged though to keep them lit.
- ♦ On Friday night, the Hanukkah candles must remain lit at least 45 min. after sunset.

LIGHTING GUIDE

Friday Night, December 15th – Recite Berachot 1, 2, 3



1. Light Hanukiah – 4:25pm
2. Light Shabbat candles – 4:27pm

Saturday Night, December 16th



1. Say Havdala – after 5:16pm
 2. Light Hanukiah – **Recite Berachot 1, 2**
- ♦ In the Bet Hamidrash / Synagogue the order of the lighting is switched

Sunday Night, December 17th – Recite Berachot 1, 2



Monday Night, December 18th – Recite Berachot 1, 2



Tuesday Night, December 19th – Recite Berachot 1, 2



Wednesday Night, December 20th – Recite Berachot 1, 2



Thursday Night, December 21st – Recite Berachot 1, 2



Friday Night, December 22nd – Recite Berachot 1, 2



1. Light Hanukiah – 4:28pm
2. Light Shabbat candles – 4:30pm

THE BERACHOT

1.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצּוֹתָיו, וְצַוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai – Elohenu Melech Ha-Olam, Asher Ki-d'shanu BeMitsvotav
VeTsivanu, LeHadlik Ner Hanuka.

2.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים
הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai – Elohenu Melech Ha-Olam, Sh'Asa Nisim LaAvotenu,
Bayamim Hahem, BaZeman HaZe.

3.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעְנוּ לְזֶמַן
הַזֶּה.

Baruch Ata Adonai – Elohenu Melech Ha-Olam, Sh'Heheyanu, Ve'Kiyemanu,
Ve'Higiyanu, LaZeman HaZe.

(Only to be recited on the first night)

Light the first candle, and then say ...

♦ Hanerot Halalu...

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ אֲנִי מִדְּלִיקִין עַל הַנִּסִּים, וְעַל הַפְּרָקָן, וְעַל הַגְּבוּרוֹת, וְעַל
הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת, וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת, וְעַל הַנְּחֻמוֹת, שְׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בַּיָּמִים
הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה, עַל-יְדֵי כַּהֲנֵיךְ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים. וְכָל-שְׁמוֹנֵת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה
הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ קִדְּשׁ הֵם, וְאֵין לָנוּ רְשׁוֹת לְהַשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֶלָּא לְרְאוֹתָם
בְּלִבָּד, כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת לְשִׁמְךָ עַל נִסִּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעוֹתֶיךָ.

“These lights, we light them, for the miracles, and the rescue, and the strength, and the salvation, and the wonders, and the consolation, that You did for our ancestors, during those days, in that time, via the hands of the sanctified Cohanim. And for all eight days of Hanukah, the candles are holy and we do not have the right to use them (in a mundane fashion) rather they are to be gazed upon exclusively, in order to laud Your Name, vis-à-vis Your miracle, Your wonder and Your salvation.”

- ♦ Mizmor Shir Hanukat Habayit L'David - Psalm 30

תהלים ל

מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר־חֲנֻכַּת הַבַּיִת לְדָוִד. אֲרוּמָמָךָ יְיָ כִּי דָלִיתָנִי, וְלֹא־שִׁמַּחְתָּ
 אִיבֵי לִי: יְיָ אֱלֹהֵי, שׁוּעֵתִי אֱלֹהֵי וְתִרְפָּאֵנִי: יְיָ, הֶעֱלִיתָ מִן־שָׂאוֹל נַפְשִׁי,
 חִייתָנִי מִיַּרְדֵּי־בוֹר: זָמְרוּ לִי חֲסִידָיו, וְהוֹדוּ לְזִכְרִי קֹדֶשׁוֹ: כִּי רָגַע
 בְּאָפוֹ, חַיִּים בְּרָצוֹנוֹ, בְּעָרַב יְלִין בְּכִי, וְלִבְּקָר רָנָה: וְאֲנִי אִמְרַתִּי בְּשִׁלוֹי,
 בַּל־אֲמוּט לְעוֹלָם: יְיָ, בְּרָצוֹנְךָ הֶעֱמַדְתָּה לְהַרְרֵי עֹז, הִסְתַּרְתָּ פָּנֶיךָ,
 הִייתִי נִבְהָל: אֱלֹהֵי יְיָ אֶקְרָא, וְאֶל־אֲדֹנָי אֶתְחַנֵּן: מִה־בָּצַע בְּדָמַי, בְּרַדְתִּי
 אֶל שַׁחַת, הַיּוֹדֵךְ עֶפְרַי הַיְגִיד אֲמַתְּךָ: שָׁמַע־יְיָ וְחַנּוּנִי, יְיָ הִי־עֲזֹר לִי:
 הַפְּכֵת מִסִּפְדֵי לְמַחֹל לִי, פִּתַּחַת שָׁקִי, וְתִאֲזַרְנִי שִׁמְחָה: לְמַעַן יִזְמְרֶךָ
 כְּבוֹד וְלֹא יִדָּם, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵי לְעוֹלָם אֲוֹדְךָ:

- ♦ MaOz Tsur Yeshuati...

מְעוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעֵתִי	לְךָ נָאָה לְשַׁבַּח,
תְּכוּן בַּיִת תְּפִלָּתִי	וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח,
לַעֲת תְּכִין מִטְבַּח	מִצָּר הַמְּנַבַּח,
אֲז אֲגַמֵּר	בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּזַבַּח.
יוֹנִים נִקְבְּצוּ עָלַי	אֲזִי בִימֵי חֲשֹׁמְנִים,
וּפְרָצוּ חוֹמוֹת מְגִדְלִי	וְטָמְאוּ כָּל־הַשְּׁמָנִים,
וּמְנוֹתַר קִנְקָנִים	נַעֲשֶׂה נִס לְשׁוֹשְׁנִים,
בְּנֵי בֵינָה	יְמֵי שְׁמוֹנָה קָבְעוּ שִׁיר וּרְנָנִים.

**Please consult Rabbi Benzaquen at wctorahcenter@gmail.com
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