

Hanukkah

Hanukkah in the spirit of Zionism and the times

Dear friends and partners, presented here are
Hanukkah blessings in the spirit of Zionism and the
times.

May the light of the menorah and the candles shine
and spread warmth and hope among you in the face of
the challenging reality we live in.

A little light dispels a lot of darkness,

Silvio Joskowicz and the team of the Zionist
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CHANUKAH CANDLE-LIGHTING BLESSINGS

IN THE SPIRIT OF ZIONISM

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.



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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.





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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.





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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.





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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.





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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.





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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.





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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.





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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.

