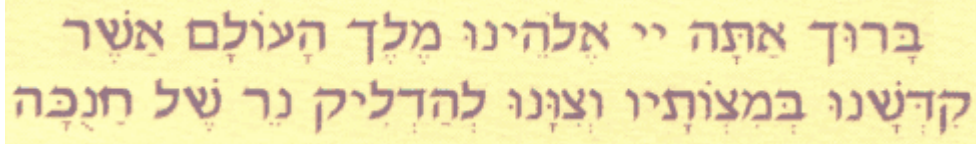


# The Hanukkah Blessings

*The first is a blessing over the candles themselves:*

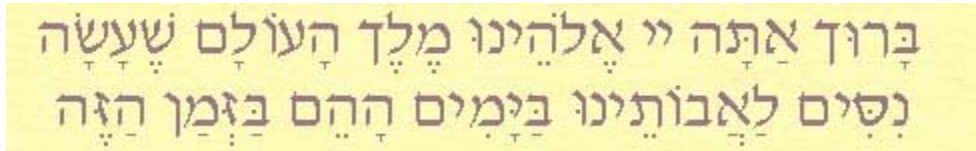


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קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher  
kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Sovereign of the universe, who makes us holy through  
mitzvot and commands us to light the Hanukkah candles.

*The second blessing expresses thanks for the "miracle" of deliverance:*

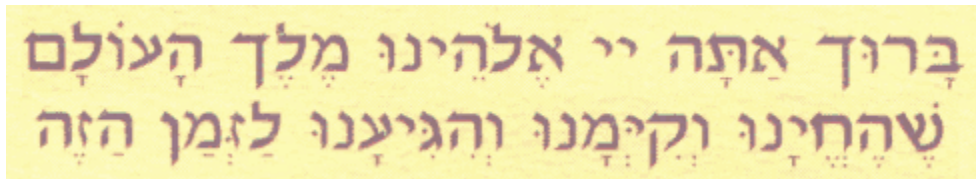


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נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she'asah  
nissim la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Sovereign of the universe, who did wondrous things for our  
ancestors in former times at this season.

*The third blessing is chanted only on the first night:*



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha'olam,  
she-heheheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Sovereign of the universe, who keeps us alive, sustains us,  
and brought us to this occasion.