



# SPREAD THE LIGHT THIS CHANUKAH

*Share your Jewish and Israel pride!*

This Chanukah, participate in spreading the light that the Jewish homeland shines on the world. Take pictures of your menorah with your Jewish National Fund-USA Blue Box, and post on social media for all the world to see: We Stand with Israel!

## Here's how:

- Chanukah begins at sundown on Thursday, December 7 and ends on December 14. When you light your Chanukah candles, place your Blue Box near your menorah, and take a photo. You can put yourself and your family in it as well.
- Post your photo on the social media platform of your choice.
- Choose from one of these posts, or create your own message:
  - › In 1901, Theodor Herzl removed his hat and created the first “blue box tzedakah box”, asking for donations to establish the state of Israel. In 2023, I stand proudly with my JNF-USA Blue Box and menorah to proclaim with pride: I stand with Israel!
  - › Chanukah tells the story of the miracle of the Maccabees and the fight to protect our Jewish homeland from those who sought to annihilate us. Today, I share this photo of my menorah and Jewish National Fund-USA Blue Box to strongly proclaim: We are here, and we are strong.
- Don't forget to tag Jewish National Fund-USA on Facebook: **@Jewish National Fund – USA** and on Instagram: **@jnfusa** and use the hashtags **#PoweredbyJNF** and **#AmIsraelChai**

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## Candle lighting blessings for Chanukah

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,  
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו  
להדליק נר של חנוכה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,  
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu  
l'hadlik neir shel Chanukah.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to light the lights of Chanukah.

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,  
שעשה נסים לאבותינו,  
בימים ההם ובימנו הזה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,  
she-asah nisim la-avoteinu,  
ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are you Adonai our God, who rules the universe, accomplishing miracles for our ancestors from ancient days until our time.

### *On the first night only*

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,  
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגענו לזמן הזה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,  
she-hehyanu v'kiy'manu v'hig'yanu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

## Prayer for the State of Israel

אבינו שבשמים, צור ישראל וגואלו, ברח את מדינת ישראל,  
ראשית צמיחת גאולתנו. הגן עליה באברת חסדך, ופרש עליה  
סכת שלומך, ושלח אורך ואמתך לראשיה, שריה ויועציה, ותקנם  
בעצה טובה מלפניה. חזק את ידי מגני ארץ קדשנו, והנחילם  
אלהינו ישועה ועזרת נצחון תעשרם, ונתת שלום בארץ ושמחת  
עולם ליושביה.

Our Father who is in heaven, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel, the dawn of our deliverance. Shield it beneath the wings of Your love; spread over it Your canopy of peace; send Your light and Your truth to its leaders, officers, and counselors, and direct them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land; grant them, our God, salvation and crown them with victory. Establish peace in the land, and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

ואת אחינו כל בית ישראל פקד-נא בכל ארצות פזורהם, ותולידם  
מהרה קוממיות לציון עירך וירושלים משכן שמך, פתוב בתורת  
משה עבדך: "אם יהיה נדחק בקצה השמים, משם יקבצך ה'  
אלהיך ומשם יקחך. והביאך ה' אלהיך אל הארץ אשר ירשו  
אבותיך וירשתה, והיטבך והרבך מאבותיך" (דברים ל, ד-ה).

Remember our brethren, the whole house of Israel, in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily bring them to Zion, Your city, to Jerusalem Your dwelling-place, as it is written in the Torah of Your servant Moses. Even if you are dispersed in the uttermost parts of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather and fetch you. The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your ancestors possessed, and you shall possess it; and God will make you more prosperous and more numerous than your ancestors.

ויחד לבבנו לאהבה וליראה את שמך, ולשמר את כל דברי  
תורתך. ושלח לנו מהרה בן דוד משיח צדקך, לפדות מחכי קץ  
ישועתך. הופע בהדר גאון עזך על כל יושבי תבל ארצך, ויאמר כל  
אשר נשמה באפו: "ה' אלהי ישראל מלך, ומלכותו בכל משלה".  
אמן סלה.

Unite our hearts to love and revere Your name, and to observe all the precepts of Your Torah. Speedily send us Your righteous Messiah of the House of David, to redeem those waiting for Your salvation. Shine forth in Your glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of Your world. Let everything that breathes proclaim: The Lord God of Israel is King; His majesty rules over all. Amen. Selah.



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