

KOL SIMKHA HANUKKAH SONGSHEET - 2021

1 - HANUKKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.
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נִסִּים לְאַבֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.
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וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Khanukkah.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,
she-asah nisim la'avoteinu
bayamim haheim bazman hazeh.

(first night only)

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,
shehekheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man
hazeh.

*Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, by
whose Mitzvot we are hallowed, and who commands us to
kindle the Khanukkah lights. Blessed is the Eternal our
God, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for
our ancestors in days of old, at this season. Blessed is the
Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life,
for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this
season.*

2 - EIGHT DAYS OF KHANUKKAH

Once upon a time we had a Temple
Where every Jew would go three times a year
There we worshipped God in our tradition
Till suddenly a tyrant did appear

Eight days of Khanukkah
Eight days of Khanukkah
We celebrate the Festival of Lights
Those days in history
Still live for you and me
Let's keep the flame
Forever shining bright.

Then at Modin, Mattathias told us,
“Whoever is for God come join our band!”
Led by Judah and his faithful brothers
We drove the tyrant from our holy land
Eight days of Khanukkah...

Then we came to dedicate the Temple
How their hearts were heavy with despair
Impurities and idols all around them
And just one jar of crude oil was there
Eight days of Khanukkah...

But with faith in God we cleaned the Temple
And kindled that small lamp with hope and love
Then the story had a happy ending
Eight days of blessed light came from above
Eight days of Khanukkah...

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3 - OCHO KANDELIKAS

Khanuka linda sta aqui, ocho kandelas para mi.

Ay!

Una kandelika,

Dos kandelikas

Tres kandelikas

Quatro kandelikas

Sinju kandelikas

Sej kandelikas

Siete kandelikas...

Ocho kandelas para mi.

Muchas fiestas vo fazer, con alegrias y plazer.

Ay, una kandelika...

Los pastelicos vo cumer,
con almendricas y la miel.

Ay, una kandelika...

4 - EACH KHANUKKAH WE GLORIFY

Each Khanukkah we glorify
brave Judah Maccabeus
Who had the courage to defy
Antiochus and free us.

But it is not fair that we should forget
Mrs. Maccabeus, to whom we owe a debt.
She mixed it, she fixed it,
she poured it into a bowl.

You may not guess but it was the latkes
That gave brave Judah a soul.

The Syrians said,

“It cannot be that old Mattathias

Whose years are more than 83

would dare to defy us!”

But they didn’t know his secret, you see.

Mattathias dined on latkes and tea.

One latke, two latkes, and so on into the night...

You may not guess but it was the latkes

That gave him the courage to fight.

Now this is how it came about—

this gastronomic wonder

That broke the ranks of Syria

like flaming bolts of **thunder**.

Mrs. Maccabeus wrote in the dough

Portions of the Torah, then fried them, so.

They shimmered, they simmered,

absorbing the olive oil...

You may not guess but it was the latkes

Which made the Syrians recoil.

Now these little latkes, brown and delicious

Must have hit the spot,

‘cause with appetites vicious

All the heroes downed them after their toil,

Causing in the Temple a shortage of oil.

One latke, two latkes, and so on into the night...

You may not guess but it was the latkes

Which gave us the Khanukkah light!

5 - LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Light one candle for the Maccabee children
Give thanks that their light didn't die.
Light one candle for the pain they endured
When their right to exist was denied.
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice
Justice and freedom demand.
And light one candle for the wisdom to know
When the peacemaker's time is at hand.

**Don't let the light go out
It's lasted for so many years
Don't let the light go out
Let it shine through our love
and our tears**

Light one candle for the strength that we need
to never become our own foe.
Light one candle for those who are suffering
the pain we learned so long ago.
Light one candle for all we believe in
Let anger not tear us apart.
Light one candle to bind us together
with peace as the song in our heart.

What is the memory that's valued so highly
that we keep alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
When we cry out, "They've not died in vain!"
We have come this far always believing
that justice will somehow prevail.
This is the burden and this is the promise
and this is why we will not fail.