

# The Gold Family Hanukkah Service page 1

Place candles in the menorah right to left, and light them left to right. There is a special niche for the Shamus.  
(1) Recite the opening prayers. (2) Light the Shamus. (3) Recite the Hanukkah blessings and light the candles.

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם אשר  
קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנכה

**Baruch ata adonai elokhainu melech ha-olam  
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotsav  
v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukah.**

**Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world,  
Who has sanctified us by Thy commandments,  
and bidden us kindle the Hanukkah lights.**

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם שעשה  
נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה

**Baruch ata adonai elokhainu melech ha-olam  
she-osah nisim la-avotsainu  
ha-yomim ho-hem bazman hazeh.**

**Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world,  
Who didst wonderous things for our forefathers,  
in days of old at this season.**

*\* First day of Hanukkah only:*

\* ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם \*  
שהחיינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה  
\* ביום הראשון של חנוכה בלבד

**Baruch ata adonai elokhainu melech ha-olam  
shehekeyanu v'keey'manu  
v'hee-gee-anu lazman hazeh.**

**Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world,  
Who has granted us life, sustained us,  
and permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.**

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## SHAMUS

THE SERVANT LIGHT, OR SHAMUS (EVERY EVENING) As one candle may kindle many others and yet lose none of its own light, so Judaism has kindled the light of truth for many religions in many lands and still shines brightly through the ages.

1

THE FIRST DAY The first light tells of Him whose first command was “Let there be light.” The darkness of idol worship was shattered when Israel brought radiant knowledge of one God. “I am the First and I am the Last,” saith the Lord.

2

THE SECOND DAY The second is the light of the Torah. Israel’s book of law has brought learning and truth to the whole western world. “Thy commandment is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

3

THE THIRD DAY The third is the light of justice. No nation can endure which is unjust whether to the strong or the weak. “Justice - Justice shalt thou follow,” as the grandest commandment of Moses, our teacher.

4

THE FOURTH DAY The fourth is the light of mercy. Cruelty hardens the heart and destroys friendship. “Do justice and love mercy” was the teaching of Micah, the prophet.

5

THE FIFTH DAY The fifth is the light of holiness. Purity of thought, nobility of action makes all of life sacred. The challenge to man to rise to his sublime highest is expressed in the Bible. “Ye shall be holy for I, the Lord your God, am holy.”

6

THE SIXTH DAY The sixth is the light of love. When the love which our parents give us makes all our life beautiful, we learn to understand the Biblical words, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul and with all thy might.”

7

THE SEVENTH DAY The seventh is the calm light of patience. Nothing can be achieved in haste. The spreading tree and the soul of man grow slowly to perfection. Thus sang King David, “Trust in the Lord, wait patiently for Him.”

8

THE EIGHTH DAY The eighth is the light of courage. Let truth and justice be your armor and fear not. Judah Maccabee, the hero of Hanukkah, lived by the words which Moses spoke to Joshua, “Be strong and of good courage.”