

May The Lord  
Bless You  
During This  
Wonderful Season  
of  
Hanukkah!



# Feast of Hanukkah

Messianic Jewish Haggadah  
"Festival of Lights"

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(also spelled "Chanukah")

**Reader:** The Hebrew word, Hanukkah, means "dedication". The following is a short history of how the festival of Hanukkah began.

**Reader:** Approximately 325 years before Yeshua (Jesus), Alexander The Great conquered Syria, Egypt and Israel, but allowed the lands under his control to continue observing their own religions. Everything was so good, many Jews assimilated into the Hellenistic culture, adopting the language, the customs and the dress of the Greeks.

**Reader:** Sound familiar? It should, as Christians, Jews, and even Messianic Jews have assimilated into American culture.

**Reader:** Antiochus IV came to power. He began to oppress the Jews. He put one of his priests in the Temple, he killed Jews, he made it against the law to practice the Jewish religion, and he had pigs sacrificed in the Temple.

**Reader:** Mattathias and his son Judah Maccabee led a revolution, and even though they were greatly outnumbered, after many tough battles – they won. They went to rededicate the Temple and found it was a mess. According to tradition as recorded in the Talmud (rabbi's commentary), at the time of the rededication, there was very little oil left to light the Temple menorah (candelabrum). There was only enough oil to burn for one day. Yet a miracle happened, it burned for eight days! An eight day festival was declared to remember this miracle.

**Reader:** Hanukkah is not mentioned anywhere in the Hebrew scripture, just in the New Covenant: John 10:22 says, "Then came Hanukkah; it was winter in Jerusalem. Yeshua was walking in the Temple around Solomon's Colonnade."

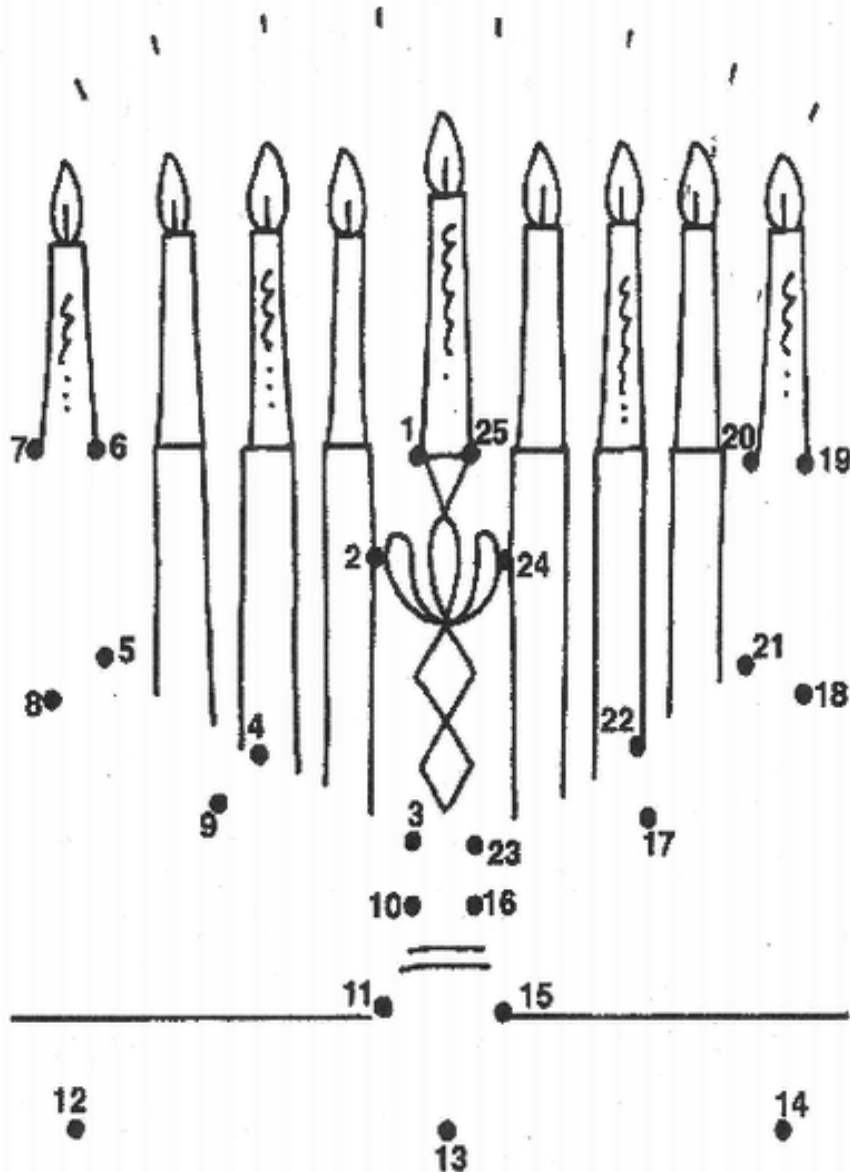
# Word Find



Antiochus	<b>Another Name For Chanukah</b>	When you have finished finding the words, circle every fifth uncircled letter. Write them until you fill the lines _____
Chanukah		
Chanukiah		
Dedication		F R C H O C E D R E I A M E R
Deliverance		M A C C A B E E S A S G J E E
Desecrated		H T A F R I M N O R A E I N C
Dreidel		F O O D A E K D D A H L I E N
Endurance		R P A F C D Y U J U N P L I A
Faith		R E M E M B R A N C E M P U R
God		L R E M M A H A R A C E E N U
Hammer		D S N E A S C A T P H T M A D
Idols		D E O H A D U J A H A C T H N
Judah		E C R S G F C H P R I R E C E
Light		T U A N O I T A C I D E D G O
Maccabees		U T H O D I P E A O G R C O N
Mattathias		L I G E A I S L O D I S H U R
Menorah		L O D F T E L I R N Z T A M A
Oil		O N R E D E L I V E R A N C E
Persecution		P R Y D L A T K G A M S U A N
Pigs		A E A E N D U R A H N C K E T
Polluted		C N R H S A I H T A T T A M E
Prayer		C U P C C M E E I O A I H A M
Remembrance		A E C B M E M E R L N D D I P
Temple		M A T A T H I A H D U J O E L
Torah		M S H A M A H B L J E S S E D

# Connect The Dots

to find where we put candles during Hanukkah!



**Reader:** We get much of our information about Hanukkah from the Apocrypha - a selection of 15 books which were published in the original 1611 King James Bible. These apocryphal books were positioned between the Old and New Testament. These 15 books are part of the Catholic canonization of the Bible, and therefore not part of the Protestant, Jewish, or Messianic Jewish Bible.

## The Themes of Hanukkah

**All:** There are five important Hanukkah themes.

1. God delivered us. We received freedom.  
And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." Genesis 14:20
2. We repent, we are cleansed, and God forgives us.  
God cleanses us: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51:4
3. We dedicate our lives to God and He receives us.  
I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God—which is your spiritual service. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2
4. We are a light to the world and people see Yeshua in us.  
In the same way, let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16
5. We become His servant and God receives the glory.  
Genesis 5:13 Brothers and sisters, you were called to freedom—only do not let your freedom become an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

## Challenge:

Each person at the table, take one of these 5 phrases and tell the others what this means to you. (1-2 minutes each) And then have a season of prayer.

# Lighting the Hanukkah Candles

On the first night, begin by lighting the shammas (servant) candle (the highest one). Then light the candle furthest to the right using the shammas. Each night add one additional candle from right to left. Each time candles are lit, the shammas lights them. While holding the shammas candle, recite the following blessings. After reciting the blessings, use the shammas to light the candles from left to right (newest to oldest).

## Hanukkah Blessings

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם  
 אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו  
 להדליק נר של חנוכה: (אמן)



Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam,  
 a-she-r ki-du-sha-nu b'-mitz-vo-tav vi-tzi-va-nu  
 l'-had-lik ner shel Cha-nu-kah

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe  
 who has sanctified us with His commandments  
 and commanded us to light the candles of Hanukkah. Amen

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם  
 שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה: (אמן)

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam,  
 she-a-sah ni-sim la-a-vo-te-un ba-ya-mim ha-hem baz-man ha-zeh

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe  
 who performed miracles for our ancestors  
 in those days at this time. Amen.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם  
 שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה: (אמן)

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam,  
 she-he-chi-ya-nu ve-ki-y'-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu laz-man ha-zeh. A-men.

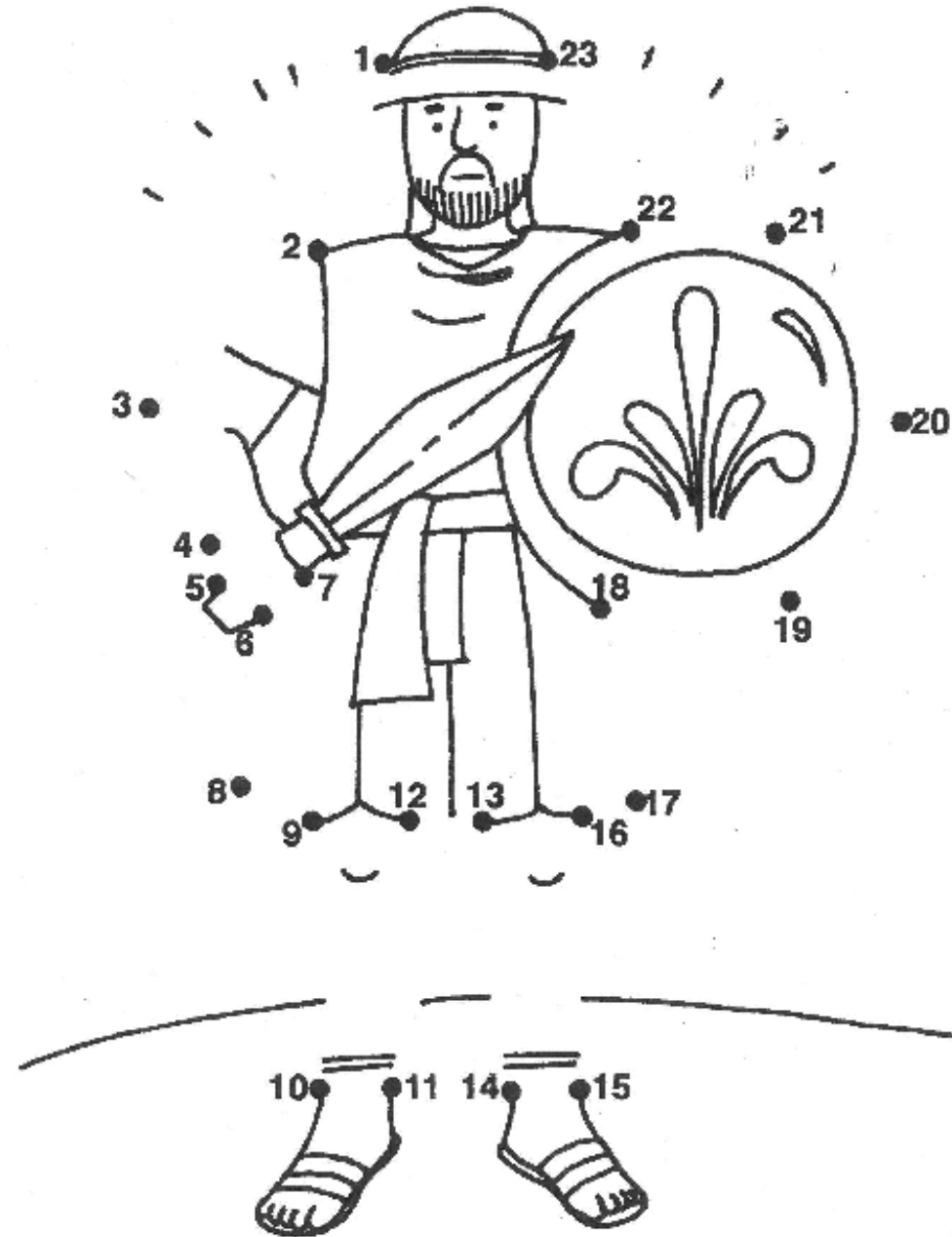
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Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe  
 who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season. Amen.

*(first night only)*

# Connect the Dots

to see who fought the Syrians.



# PICTURE FIND

Look up and across to find these pictures in the same order.



Place right to left; *Kindle* left to right



## Scriptures And Discussion Questions For Each Night Of Hanukkah

### Shammas:

Service is a high calling as described in Matthew 20:26-28: "But whoever wants to be great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you shall be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

What does it mean to be a servant?

Whom are you serving?

What changes would you need to make to become more of a servant?

### First Night Candle:

Genesis 1:3-4 describes the creation of the first light: "Then God said, 'Let there be light!' and there was light. God saw that the light was good. So God distinguished the light from the darkness."

Do you think that this light is only the physical light and darkness?

What other meaning could it have?

How does this make a difference in your life?

### Second Night Candle:

Exodus 13:21-22 reveals that God is the source of Israel's light: "ADONAI went before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead the way and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light. So they could travel both day and night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never departed from the people."

Is God still with us both day and night?

Does God still lead us?

How do we recognize His leading and follow it?

### Third Night Candle:

King David reminds us that God Himself is the source of our own individual light; "ADONAI is my light and my salvation: whom should I fear? ADONAI is the stronghold of my life: whom should I dread?" (Psalms 27:1)

What does it mean that Adonai is my light and my salvation?

Is Adonai your light and salvation?

How does this make it possible for us to overcome fear?

### Fourth Night Candle:

Psalms 119:105 and Psalm 119:130 describe the light that comes from God's Word: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". The unfolding of Your words gives light, giving understanding to the simple."

In what way does God's Word light up our path?

How have you seen this in your own life?

Do you need to spend more time in God's Word?

### Fifth Night Candle:

Messiah Yeshua is the greatest light of all. "Now this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you— that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5) "Yeshua spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will no longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)

What does it mean by light and darkness here?

What is the light of life?

Do you have the light of life?

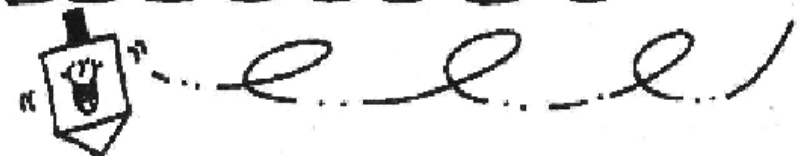


## SEEK AND FIND

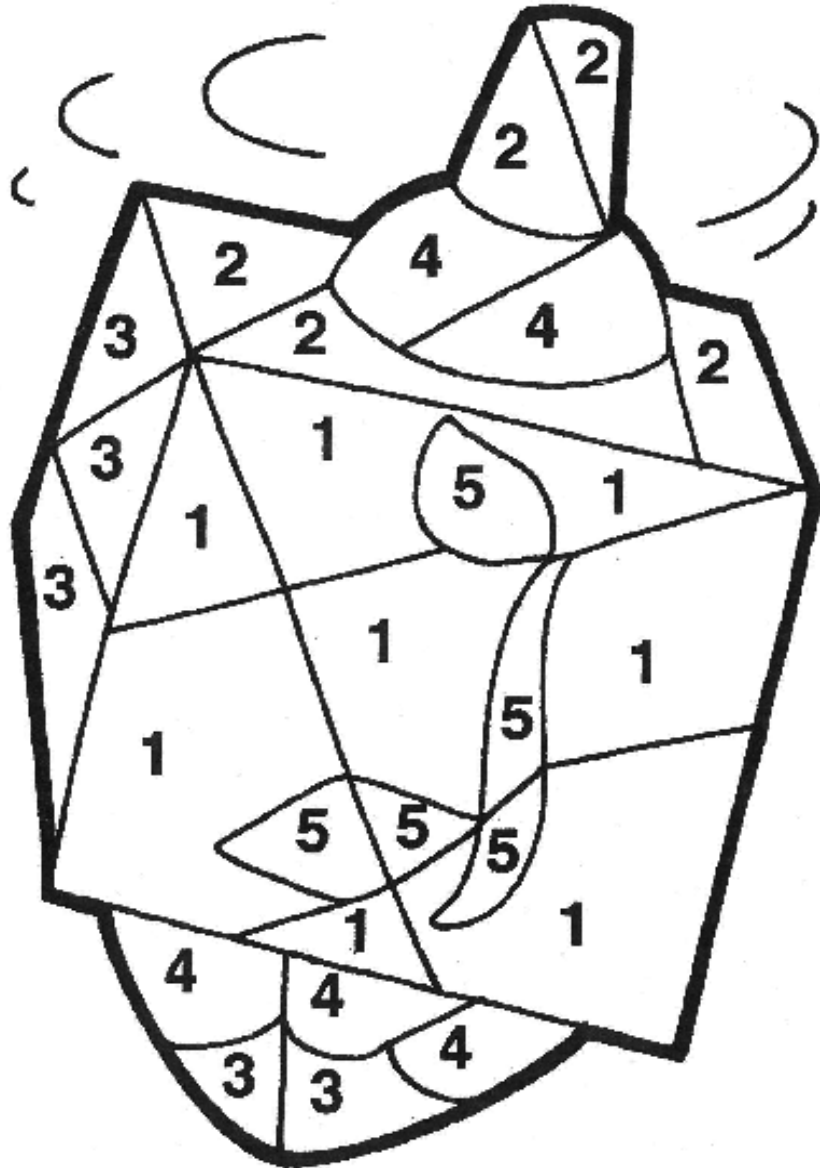
Look up, down, and diagonally to find the names of the letters on the dreidel.

NUN נ  
HAY ה

GIMMEL ג  
SHIN ש



# COLOR BY NUMBER



- 1- Pink
- 2- Blue
- 3- Yellow
- 4- Green
- 5- Black

## Sixth Night Candle:

As we come to know Messiah, we are to be a source of light for the world. Messiah tells us in Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on a lampstand so it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

In Isaiah 49:6 it says "indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

What does it mean to be a light to the world?  
 Is this light to go to Jewish and non-Jewish people?  
 Do you hide your light, or let it shine?  
 Are you a light to the world?

## Seventh Night Candle:

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the future glory of a restored Israel in Isaiah 60:1-3: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. "For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."

What does it mean: "the glory of the Lord has risen upon you"?  
 What is the darkness that will cover all the earth and the people?  
 Do we need to be afraid at this time?

## Eighth Night Candle:

Revelation 21:22-24 gives us a description of our glorious eternal dwelling place in the New Jerusalem: "I saw no temple in her, for its Temple is ADONAI Elohei-Tzva'ot and the Lamb. And the city has no need for the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God lights it up, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it."

What is the New Jerusalem?  
 Why would we not need the sun or moon for light?  
 How will the nations "walk by its light"?

**All Sing: "Oh Hanukkah"**

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah come light the menorah  
Let's have a party we'll all dance the hora  
Gather round the table we'll give you a treat  
A shiny top to play with, and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing the candles are burning low

One for each night, they shed a sweet light  
To remind us of days long ago (repeat)

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah festival of joy.  
A very special holiday for every girl and boy.  
Spin the whirling dreidels all week long.  
Eat the sizzling latkes, sing the happy song.

Now light them tonight then,  
The flickering candles in a row.

Retell the wondrous story, Of God in all His glory,  
And dance by the candles cheering glow. (repeat)

**All Sing: "The Dredel Song"**

I have a little dreydel, I made it out of clay.  
And when it's dry and ready, then dreydel I shall play  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, I made it out of clay  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, now dreydel I shall play

It has a lovely body, with leg so short and thin;  
And when my dreydel's tired, it drops and then I win.  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, with leg so short and thin;  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, it drops and then I win

My dreydel is always playful. It loves to dance and spin;  
A happy game of dreydel, come play, now let's begin.  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, it loves to dance and spin  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, come play, now let's begin

**HAPPY  
HANUKKAH**



# Lighting the Hanukkah Candles

When it is time for the meal there are traditional foods. Because of the miracle of the oil, it is customary to eat foods cooked in oil, such as latkes (potato pancakes) and Sufganiot (Israeli doughnuts).

Another reminder of the miracle of this holiday is the game of dreidels. These wooden or plastic tops have different Hebrew letters on each of their four sides: Nun, Gimel, Hey, and Shin standing for the phrase Nes Gadol Hayah Sham (A Great Miracle Happened There)

There is an interesting story behind the dreidel. It is said that the Jewish children of Judea during the Maccabean period wanted to study Torah (first 5 books of Moses) but the anti-Semitic policies of the Syrians made this difficult. They came up with a creative answer: They would study the scrolls in the streets until a foreign soldier came. Then they would quickly hide the scroll, bring out the dreidels, and pretend to be engrossed in a game of tops. When the soldier left, the Torah study would begin again.



## How To Play The Dreidel Game

1. Give each person the same amount of candy, nuts, or Hanukkah gelt (chocolate money), etc.
2. Each player puts one piece in the pot.
3. The first player spins the dreidel and does what the dreidel says.
4. After a player gets a gimel, everyone adds one piece to the pot.
5. Everyone gets a turn. When you are finished playing, enjoy your candy, nuts or chocolate.

## All Sing: "Ma-oz Tzur"

Ma-oz tzur y'-shu-a-ti  
L'-cha na-eh l'-sha-be-ach  
Ti-kon bet t'-fi-la-ti  
Ve-sham to-dah n'-za-be-ach

L'-et ta-chin mat-be-ach,  
Mi-tzar ham-na-be-ach

Az eg-mor b'-shir miz-mor  
Cha-nu-kat ha-miz-be-ach (repeat)

Rock of ages, let our song  
Praise Your saving power;  
You among the raging foes  
Were our shelf'ring tower.

Furious they assailed us  
But Your help availed us,

And Your word broke their sword  
When our own strength failed us. (repeat)

## All Sing: "Ner Li"

I light my little candle on Hanukkah (2x)  
It will shine as I sing songs of joy that Hanukkah brings (2x)

Ner li ner li ner li da-kik Ba-cha-nu-ka ne-ri ad-lik

Ba-cha-nu-ka ne-ri ya-ir, Ba-cha-nu-ka shi-rim a-shir (2x)

