

חנוכה Chanukah

During all the eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred.

Chanukah Liturgy

During Chanukah, this time of year when the days are short and the night skies loom, Judaism commands us to do something simple and profound: to light candles; to challenge the darkness and cold with light and with warmth.

As the *shamash* illuminates each candle in turn, help us to imagine ourselves, each one of us, as a bearer of light: just as the *shamash* brings its flame to the other candles, so too let us bring our light to those whose lives are darkened by poverty, violence and despair.

As each flame flickers to life, help us to see that each one of us can bring light to our world.

Help us to know that the work of our hands can bring warmth to those in need.

Help us to carry the radiance of our hearts to all of the dark places on this planet.

Help us to believe that through our sacred service the world will be illuminated.

Renew in us a sense of hope in the miraculous and help us to imagine the wonders that might be kindled by our actions and our resources.

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