

HANUKKAH SONGS



SING ALONG BOOK

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*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam a-sher
ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu
l'had-lik ner shel Chanukah.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with Your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-a-sa ni-sim
la-a-vo-tei-nu/l'i-mo-tei-nu
ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים
לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ/לְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed wonders to our fathers/mothers in days of old, at this season.

ON THE FIRST NIGHT ONLY

*Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu
me-lech ha-o-lam, she-hecheyanu,
v'ki-y'manu, v'higi-anu
la-z'man hazeh.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ
וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ
לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign God of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



Happy Hanukkah



1- Oh Hanukkah

1. 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,
sevivon to play with, and *levivot* to eat.

And while we are playing, the candles are burning low.

One for each night, they shed their sweet light,
to remind us of days long ago. (repeat 2x)

2. O Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah, a festival of joy
A holiday, a jolly day, for every girl and boy
Spin the whirling dreidel all week long.
Tell the age-old story, sing a happy song.

And nightly, so brightly, the candles of Hanukkah glow.

Shining with glory, retelling the story
of wonders of long, long ago. (repeat 2x)

2 - The Dinosaur Hanukkah Song

There's a dinosaur knocking at my door,
knocking, 1, 2, 3.
There is a dinosaur knocking at my door,
and he wants to have Hanukkah with me.

He likes Shabbat, but that's not all,
on Hanukkah, he has a ball.
He lights the candles, for eight straight nights.
And when he opens presents, it's quite a sight.

(Chorus)

He plays with his dreidel, it's his favorite game.
He tells his friends, that *gimmel*, is his middle name.
He eats too much *gelt*, it makes his stomach hurt.
And after a latke dinner, there is no room for dessert.

(Chorus)



3-Hanukkah

Hanukkah, Hanukkah, chag ya-feh kol kach,
Or cha-veev, m'-sa-viv, gil l'-ye-led rach.
Hanukkah, Hanukkah, s'-vi-von sov, sov.

Sov, sov, sov, sov, sov, sov, ma na-im va-tov

Hanukkah, Hanukkah, ein cha-lon bli eish
L' vi-vot, mig-da-not, b'chol ba-yit yesh.
Hanukkah, Hanukkah, chag cha-viv m'od.

Shi-ru na, zam-ru na, u' tz' u lir-kod

*Hanukkah is a joyous holiday. Dreidels spin 'round,
candles burned. Oh, let us sing and dance.*



4- Maoz Tzur (Rock of Ages)

1. Rock of ages, let our song praise your saving power;
you, amid the raging foes, were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us, but Your arm availed us.

And Your word, broke their sword, when our own strength failed us. (repeat 2x)

2. Ma-oz tsur ye-shu-a-ti, le-cha na-eh le-sha-bei-ach;
Ti-kon beit t'-fi-la-ti, ve-sham to-da n'-za-bei-ach.
L'-eit- tash-bit mat-bei-ach, v'-tsar ham-na-bei-ach,

Az eg-mor, be-shir miz-mor, Ha-nuk-kat ha-miz-bei-ach. (repeat 2x)

3. Children of the Maccabee's, whether free or fettered;
wake the echoes of our songs, where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering, that the time is nearing;

Which will see, all go free, tyrants disappearing. (repeat 2x)

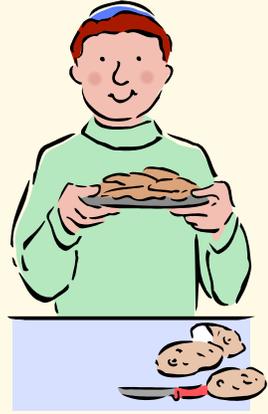
4. Kindling new the holy lamps, Priests approved in suffering,
Purified the nation's shrines, bought to You their offering.
And Your courts surrounding, hear in joy abounding,

Happy throngs, singing songs, with a mighty sounding (repeat 2x)

5- Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to

I like to eat po-ta-to latkes; I like to eat them all day.
And when I eat potato latkes, this is what I say.

Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to,
Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to,
Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to, latkes for me.
Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to,
Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to,
Yo-dle-lay, Yo-dle-lay po-ta-to.



Other verses:

I like to eat them with applesauce; I like to eat them all day.....
(Chorus)

I like to eat them with sour cream; I like to eat them all day.....
(Chorus)

I like to eat them at Temple Beth Or; I like to eat them all day.....
(Chorus)

6- Not by Might-Not Buy Power

Not by might and not by power, by Spirit alone, shall we all live in peace.
(2x)

Clap clap clap / clap clap clap / clap - clap - clap (2x)

The children sing, the children dream;
and their tears may fall, but you'll hear them call and

another song will rise (3x)

Not by might, not by power, shalom!

7- S'vivon

S' - vi - von sov sov sov
Ha - nuk - ka hu chag tov

Ha - nuk - ka hu chag tov
S' - vi - von sov sov sov

Hag sim - cha hu la - am
Nes ga - dol ha - ya sham



*Spin, spin, little dreidl on this joyous holiday of Hanukkah
Spin for the great miracle of long ago*

8- The Dreydel Song

I have a little dreidel, I made it out of clay;
and when it's dry and ready, then dreidel I shall play.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay;
and when it's dry and ready, then dreidel I shall play.

My dreidel's always playful, it loves to dance and spin;
a happy game of dreidel, come play now let's begin.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, it loves to dance and spin;
a happy game of dreidel, come play, now let's begin

It has a lovely body, with leg so short and thin;
and when it is all tired, it drops and then I win.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, with leg so short and thin;
and when it is all tired, it drops and then I win.

(Alternate ending)

*Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, with leg so short and thin;
I hope it lands on Gimmel 'cause when it does I win!*



LIGHT UP YOUR HANUKKAH WITH A SING ALONG SOME YOUTUBE LINKS

Light these Lights by Debbie Friedman

<http://youtu.be/iznjwVZUlll>

The Latke Song by Debbie Friedman

<http://youtu.be/mwb1PnLcchw?list=PL12D183988CE7F301>

Hanukkah Oh Hanukkah

<http://youtu.be/jLqG3BqMC8E>

The Dreidel Song

<http://youtu.be/WKreDYVWark>

S' Vivon sov sov sov

<http://youtu.be/7y0Z3YpqEdw>

9- Spin, Spin Sevivon (dreidel)

Spin spin - spin spin - spin spin sevivon;
from Jerusalem to Givon.
Spin to Beth El;
and from there to Jezreel.
Spin away, spin away;
greet the happy holiday.
Spin, spin sevivon;
hurry, scurry to Givon.

Spin spin - spin spin - spin spin sevivon;
from Jerusalem to Givon.
Join the Hanukkah ring;
now's the time to dance and sing.
They found oil for the lights;
and it burned eight wondrous nights.
That's the story you tell;
sevivon we know it well.



10 – Who Can Retell

Mi y'ma leil g'vu-rot Yis-ra-eil
o-tan-mi yim neh?
Hein b'chol dor ya-kum ha-gi-bor
Go-eil ha-am.

Sh'ma! Ba-ya-min ha-heim ba-z' man ha zeh
Ma-ka-bi mo-shi-a u-fo-deh,
U-v' ya-mei-nu kol am Yis-ra-eil
Yit-a-cheid ya-kum l'hi-ga-eil.

who can retell the things that befell us?
who can count them?
In every age a hero or sage
came to our aid.

Hark, in ancient Israel in days of yore;
Maccabees, the Temple did restore.
And now today our people as we dreamed;
will arise, unite and be redeemed.

