



CHANUKAH BLESSINGS 

for a Secular Humanistic Chanukah Celebration

Song to the traditional melody for lighting the candles

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Ba-ruch ha-or ba-oh-lahm
Ba-ruch ha-or ba-ah-dahm
Come gather round and light the menorah
As we say, "L'had-leek ner shel cha-nu-kah."

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Ba-ruch ha-or ba-oh-lahm
Ba-ruch ha-or ba-ah-dahm
We celebrate freedom won a long time ago
Ba-ya-meem ha-hem baz-mahn ha-zeh.

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Ba-ruch ha-or ba-oh-lahm
Ba-ruch ha-or ba-ah-dahm
We light these candles in our home tonight
and we hope
that in the world
light will shine for all.

Light the Menorah

1st and 3rd Blessing by Rabbi Peter Schweitzer
2nd Blessing by Rabbi Daniel Friedman

For more information on Chanukah, get a copy of:

LET THERE BE LIGHTS!
A Secular, Cultural, Humanistic Celebration of Chanukah
by Rabbi Peter H. Schweitzer

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THE EIGHT LIGHTS OF CHANUKAH

by Marilyn Rowens, Humanistic Judaism, Winter 1979

The first light is
the light of **REASON**.

It is the light of reason that teaches us
to see the difference between right and wrong.

The second light is
the light of **SELF-ESTEEM**.

It is the light of self- esteem that inspires us
to believe in ourselves.

The third light is
the light of **COURAGE**.

It is the light of courage that gives us
the strength to stand up for our beliefs.

The fourth light is
the light of **FREEDOM**.

It is the light of freedom that reminds us
to take responsibility for our own lives.

The fifth light is
the light of **LOVE**.

It is the light of love that enables us
to care for those in need.

The sixth light is
the light of **Loyalty**.

It is the light of loyalty that helps us keep
our promises to those who depend on us.

The seventh light is the
light of **GENEROSITY**.

It is the light of generosity that encourages us
to give even when we do not receive.

The eighth light is
the light of **HOPE**.

It is the light of hope that leads us
to a vision of a better world.