

## Community Night Guide 2019 Chanukah in Carefree

**Thank you for partaking in the honor of leading the prayers, lighting and song for Chanukah in Carefree Community Night on Thursday, Dec. 26. Below please find some information that will help us maintain a great continuity throughout the Chanukah holiday.**

Please arrive at 5:15 p.m. to become familiar with the people supporting the event and the surroundings. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. – as promptly as possible! We have until 6:30 p.m., however in most cases the program will be much shorter. The venue is outside on stage at the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion in Carefree. Please be sure to dress warm, as this time of year things get a little chilly. ☺

1. There will be chairs set up facing the stage, and a table on the side that will have Prayer/Song sheets available to lead the community with the prayers and songs. There will also be chocolate gelt on the table for all to enjoy and some gift bags for the children. Should you arrive early, please offer the Prayer/Song sheets to your guests and the community as they arrive. Karen Acker will coordinate the program and encourage you to join her on the stage prior to 5:30 p.m. At that time Karen will welcome everyone and distinguished guests.
2. Karen will then ask each of the Community Leaders to introduce themselves and their family members (or affiliation) and to share what the lights of Chanukah mean to you, or to share a very short story (depending on number of community leaders that are on stage.) Depending on time, this may be done before or after lighting the menorah.
3. LIGHTING THE MENORAH: Attached is the prayer and song sheet that will be on the table at the event. Together, we will all first recite the prayer(s). The Prayer(s) may be recited in Hebrew, English or both.
4. INFORMATION ABOUT CHANUKAH: Below is a information about Chanukah.
5. AFTER THE LIGHTING: We will together lead the community in SONG. Lyrics are on the back of the prayer sheet.
6. Once we are done, thank everyone for coming, mention who will be leading the lighting on the following night/s, and wish them all a Happy Chanukah!

THANK YOU for being such an important part of this event! Please come as many nights as you are able, as each night will be very special!

### **LIGHTING SCHEDULE**

#### **First Night**

Sunday, Dec. 22 – Special Ceremony with Sponsor and Co-host, Temple Chai Rabbi, Cantor and Choir

#### **Second Night**

Monday, Dec. 23 – Phoenix Holocaust Association, Survivor-Ike Feiges

**Third Night**

Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Congregation Kehillah

**Fourth Night**

Wednesday, Dec. 25 – Noam and Eytan Kurland

**Fifth Night**

Thursday, Dec. 26 – Community Night

**Sixth Night**

Friday, Dec. 27 – The Bauman Family

**Seventh Night**

Saturday, Dec. 28 – Desert Foothills YMCA Patron, Norma Lesnick

**Eighth Night**

Sunday, Dec. 29 – Lynn and Ken Goldstein and Family, representing the Jewish Social Group of Cave Creek and Carefree

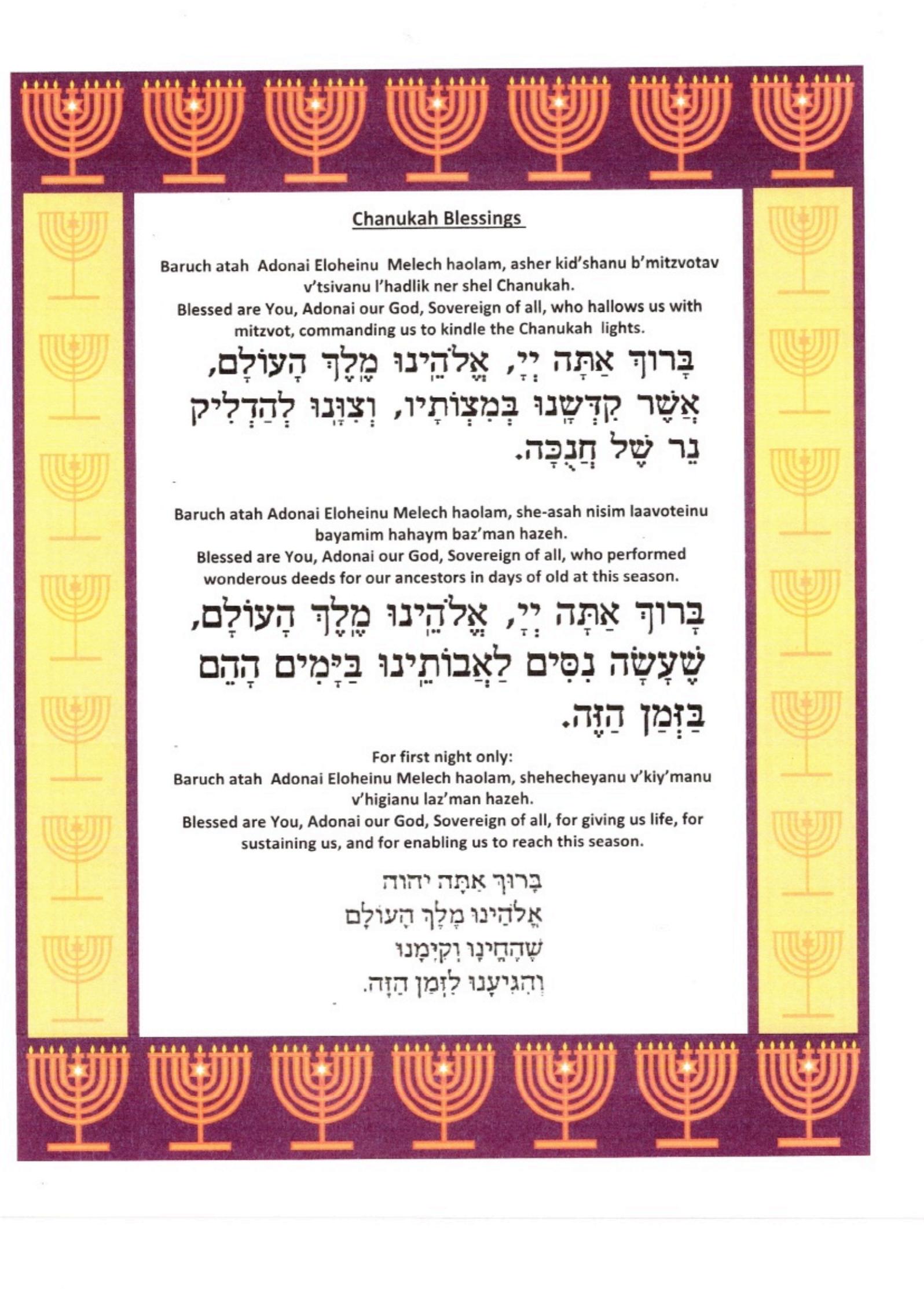
**INFORMATION ABOUT CHANUKAH**

Chanukah, or the Festival of Lights, commemorates the recapture of Jerusalem and re-dedication of the Temple in 139 BCE after it was looted and desecrated by the Seleucid Greeks. The re-dedication followed a series of improbable military victories over larger and better equipped forces by a group called the Maccabees (Maccabee means “Hammer” in Hebrew).

Not only was G-d’s providence evident in the military sense, but when the temple was cleaned and the Menorah (seven-branched candelabra) remade it was discovered that there was almost no oil available to burn for the lights, perhaps a day’s supply. In the great miracle of Chanukah, the lamps were lit and the oil lasted – eight full days until more was made available. These eight days are the reason for the length of the holiday according to legend.

Today we celebrate each year in early winter by lighting a nine-branched menorah or “Chanukiyah”. One candle commemorates each day of the miracle and a ninth is called the “Shammash” meaning “helper” or “servant” - it is used to light the others. The Shammash also has a connotation of “teacher”, one who coaxes learning from a student in the way a flame is brought from wax.

More recently, other fun traditions have sprung up including giving gifts, playing games including with the “dreidl” or 4-sided top and eating potato pancakes (“latkes”) fried in oil, of course! **Happy Chanukah!**

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### Chanukah Blessings

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתַיִךְ, וְצִוֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק  
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu bayamim hahaym baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם  
בְּזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

For first night only:

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

### Musical Resources for Hanukkah

We sing the traditional *Maoz Tzur*--"Rock of Ages"  
each night of the festival after the candles are lit:

מְעוֹז צוּר  
מְעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי לֵךְ נָאֵה לְשִׁבְחָה,  
תִּבְּוֶן בַּיִת תִּפְלֵתִי וְשֵׁם תוֹדָה נִזְבַּחַת,  
לְעֵת תִּכְיֶן מִטְּבַח מִצָּר הַמְּנַבְּחָה,  
אִזְ אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּזוּבַּחַת. (2)

*Ma-oz tzur y'shu-ati l'kha na-eh l'sha-be-ah*  
*Tikon beit k'fi-la-ti v'sam todah n'za-be-ah*  
*L'eit ta-khin mat-be-ah mi-tzar ham-na-be-ah*  
*Az eg-mor b'shir miz-mor hanu-kat ha-miz-be-ah (2x)*

Rock of ages, let our song praise Your saving power.  
You, amid the raging foe, 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. (2x)

### OH HANUKKAH

traditional

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,  
Driedels to play with and latkes to eat.

And while we were playing  
The candles are burning low  
One for each night, they shine with sweet light  
To remind us of days long ago.  
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To remind us of days long ago.

