

Multifaith Chanukah Candle Lighting

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Hosted by Temple Emanu-El and the New York Board of Rabbis

Rock of Ages

Lyrics: Traditional | Music: Isaac Nathan

Rock of Ages let our song,
Praise thy saving power;
Thou amidst the raging foes,
Wast our sheltering tower.

Furiously they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us
And Thy word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.
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Blessings for Candle Lighting

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.
*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
she-asah nisim laavoteinu bayamim hahaeim
baz'man hazeh.*

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

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שעשה נסים
לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.
*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
she-asah nisim laavoteinu bayamim hahaeim
baz'man hazeh.*

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

Shecheyanu (First night only)

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקימנו
והגיענו לזמן הזה.
*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man
hazeh.*

*Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive,
sustained us, and brought us to this season.*

America the Beautiful

Lyrics: Katharine Lee Bates | Music: Samuel A. Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Hatikva

Words: Naphtali Herz Imber | Music: Samuel Cohen

כל עוד בלבב פנימה	Kol od balevav penima,
נפש יהודי הומיה,	Nefesh yehudi homiya,
ולפאתי מזרח קדימה,	Ulfa'ate mizrach, kadima,
עין לציון צופיה;	Ayin letziyon tsofiya.

עוד לא אבדה תקותנו,	Od lo avda tikvatenu
התקווה בת שנות אלפים,	Hatikva bat shnot alpayim,
להיות עם חפשי בארצנו,	Lihyot am chofshi be'artzenu,
ארץ ציון וירושלים.	Eretz tziyon, virushalayim.

*As long as within our hearts
The Jewish soul sings,
As long as forward to the East
To Zion, looks the eye –
Our hope is not yet lost,
It is two thousand years old,
To be a free people in our land
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.*