

The Light of Gratitude

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The final days of Chanukah always fall out during the beginning of the month of Tevet. The last day is known as *Zot Chanukah*, “this is Chanukah,” since it is the culmination of the many rectifications of this precious holiday.

The *Oneg Shabbat* explains that by the final day of Chanukah we have lit the Chanukah lights for the final time that year. All that remains is for us to thank and praise the Almighty, which fills our entire year with the spirit and light of gratitude. I begin to feel genuinely grateful for the many gifts G-d gives me at all times. On Chanukah—which also means education—we inaugurate our year so we will continually offer our sincere thanksgivings to G-d.

Almighty G-d: Please light up my year with the light of Chanukah! Show me how completely powerless I am to penetrate my occasional dark moments and help me turn to You and beg that You light my path for me. Let me recall how much you support me at all times and remember that this is Your kindness, not my right. Thank You so much for this and please,

please continue providing life and health, children and a good livelihood to all who seek You.

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