

*This year, as we commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday March on Washington for Soviet Jewry and the 40th anniversary of our joining the Soviet Jews in their struggle for freedom, please join **ncsj** in remembering those for whom lighting Chanukah candles was not only difficult but dangerous.*

*We dedicate each night of Chanukah to the refuseniks who braved Soviet oppression and to the Jews who live in the former Soviet Union today.*

**First Night** *Tonight we light this candle for the Soviet Jews who endangered their lives to practice their Judaism.*

**Second Night** *Tonight we light this candle for the refuseniks who defied the Soviet government and refused to let their Judaism be extinguished.*

**Third Night** *Tonight we light this candle to remember the Jews of the USSR who were persecuted for being Jewish.*

**Fourth Night** *Tonight we light this candle to remember the refuseniks who lost their jobs, were imprisoned, exiled and sent to Siberia.*

**Fifth Night** *Tonight we light this candle for the Soviet Jews who safely made aliyah to Israel.*

**Sixth Night** *Tonight we light this candle for the Soviet Jews who came safely to the United States.*

**Seventh Night** *Tonight we light this candle to honor the Jews living in the former Soviet Union who still need our help.*

**Eighth Night** *On the last night, we light this candle in thanks to the State of Israel, the American Jewish community and **ncsj** who came to the aid of Soviet Jews and continue to help the Jews living in the region today.*

*Please consider adding the blessing to conclude each night's reading.*

*Praised are You, O God, for enabling us to share in this miracle.*

**בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לָנוּ בְּיָמֵינוּ בְּזַמַּן הַזֶּה.**

*Barukh eh-lo-hei-nu sheh-asah nee-seem*

*la-nu b'ya-mei-nu ba-z'man ha-zeh.*



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