The Hanukkah Blessings

*The first is a blessing over the candles themselves:*

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Sovereign of the universe, who makes us holy through mitzvot and commands us to light the Hanukkah candles.

*The second blessing expresses thanks for the "miracle" of deliverance:*

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she'asah nissim la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Sovereign of the universe, who did wondrous things for our ancestors in former times at this season.

*The third blessing is chanted only on the first night:*

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melekh ha'olam, she-heheheyenu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Sovereign of the universe, who keeps us alive, sustains us, and brought us to this occasion.