

Hayom Yom: 25 Kislev, Day 1 of Chanukah

אָאמו"ר הָיָה מְדַלֵּק נְרוֹת חֲנוּכָה בֵּין מְנַחֵה לְמַעֲרִיב, וְלֹא הָיָה מְדִיִּיק בְּפֶתַח שִׁיְהִי מְדָרוּם לְצִפּוֹן אוּ מְמִזְרַח לְמַעֲרָב. "הַנְּרוֹת הַלְלוּ" – אַחֲרֵי הַדְּלָקַת כָּל הַנְּרוֹת. וְהָיָה יוֹשֵׁב בְּסִמּוּךְ לְהַנְּרוֹת חֲצִי שָׁעָה – לְבַד מְעַרְבֵי שַׁבַּת קוֹדֵשׁ שְׁלֹא הָיָה מְתַעֲכֵב חֲצִי שָׁעָה – מְדִיִּיק שִׂידְלָקוּ הַנְּרוֹת חֲמִשִּׁים מִינוּט לְכָל הַפְּחוֹת.

My revered father, the Rebbe [Rashab], would kindle the Chanukah lights between the Afternoon Service and the Evening Service.¹ He was not particular about whether it was placed in the doorway from north to south or from east to west.² [He would recite the hymn] HaNeiros Halalu after all the lights were kindled.³

He would sit near the lights for half an hour [every evening], except for Friday afternoon when he would not wait that long. He would see to it that the lights should burn for at least 50 minutes.⁴

מְנַחֵה, נֵר חֲנוּכָה, נֵר שַׁבַּת.

[On the eve of Shabbos during Chanukah, the sequence is:] the Afternoon Service; Chanukah lights; Shabbos candles.⁵
