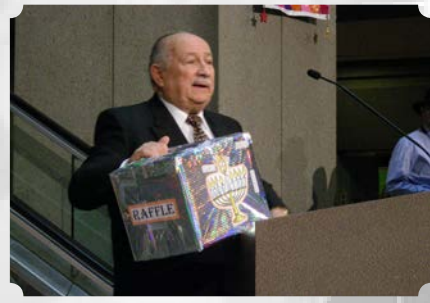


Celebration!

30th Annual Calgary Community Menorah Lighting 1989-2018 | 5750-5779



Shining the light of Chanukah in Calgary for 29 years!

Letter written by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, The Lubavitcher Rebbe

By the Grace of G-d
On the eve of Chanukah, 5741 [1980]
Brooklyn, NY

To all Participants in the Public
Lighting of the Chanukah Menorah
in the USA



Greeting and Blessing!

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the victory—more than 2100 years ago—of a militarily weak but spiritually strong Jewish people over the mighty forces of a ruthless enemy that had overrun the Holy Land and threatened to engulf the land and its people in darkness.

The miraculous victory—culminating with the dedication of the Sanctuary in Jerusalem and the rekindling of the Menorah which had been desecrated and extinguished by the enemy—has been celebrated annually ever since during these eight days of Chanukah, especially by lighting the Chanukah Menorah, also as a symbol and message of the triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness.

It is a timely and reassuring message, for the forces of darkness are ever present. Moreover, the danger does not come exclusively from outside; it often lurks close to home, in the form of insidious erosion of time-honored values and principles that are at the foundation of any decent human society. Needless to say, darkness is not chased away by brooms and sticks, but by illumination. Our sages said, “A little light expels a lot of darkness.”

The Chanukah Lights remind us in a most obvious way that illumination begins at home, within oneself and one’s family, by increasing and intensifying the light of Torah and Mitzvos in the everyday experience, even as the Chanukah Lights are kindled in growing numbers from day to day. But though it begins at home, it does not stop there. Such is the nature of light that when one kindles the Chanukah Lights are expressly meant to illuminate the “outside,” symbolically alluding to the duty to bring light also to those who, for one reason or another, still walk in darkness.

What is true of the individual is true of a nation, especially this great United States, united under G-d, and generously blessed by G-d with material as well as spiritual riches. It is surely the duty and privilege of this Nation to promote all the forces of light both at home and abroad, and in a steadily growing measure.

Let us pray that the message of the Chanukah Lights will illuminate the everyday life of everyone personally, and of the society at large, for a brighter life in every respect, both materially and spiritually.

With esteem and blessing in the spirit of Chanukah

M. Schneerson

Original Menorah Team



(left to right) Sam Hershcovis, Harold Finkleman,
Rabbi Menachem Matusof, Gerald Wolfson,
Simyon Vinnik, Sam Kshinevsky (missing: Rick Dworkin)

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Honouree: Mr. Al Osten
Musical Guest: Mr. Evgueni Alexeev
Master of Ceremonies & Welcome: Mr. Shael Gelfand

Arnold Dvorkin
Akiva Academy Choir
Calgary Jewish Academy Choir
Calgary Jewish Federation: Mr. Jared Shore
Raffle for the State of Israel Bonds
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Historical Video Montages
NEW THIS YEAR: Special Children's Chanukah Program

MENORAH LIGHTING

Mayor Naheed K. Nenshi
Honouree Mr. Al Osten
Rabbi Menachem M. Matusof
Rebbetzin Rochel Matusof
Noa Paul - CTeen Leader

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NEW THIS YEAR!

Special Children's Chanukah Program!

5:30pm:

Enjoy special seating at the Community Menorah Lighting, watching School choirs and the Menorah lit while winning raffle tickets towards amazing prizes



6:00pm (Approx.):

After the Menorah Lighting, children can quietly make their way to the "Kids Room" to participate in a fascinating Magic Show, followed by Raffles for Special Gift Prizes!*

Grand Raffle prizes include:

\$100 Giftcard to Mastermind Toys – Drone – Lego & more!

*Children can be dropped off at the kids room. They will be supervised there by responsible adults, and will only be allowed out when their parents come pick them up.

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Producer, and Emcee for Twenty-One Years
Mr. Harold Finkleman

Calgary Community Menorah Ceremony Coorganizer
for Twenty-Eight Years
Mr. Aron Eichler OBM

Hinei Ma Tov

(A song which says how pleasant it would be if the brethren could all live together in peace and harmony.)

Henei ma tov umanaim
Shevet achim gam yachad
Hinei ma tov umanaim
Shevet achim gam yachad
Hinei ma tov (Hinei ma tov)
Lai lai lai lai lai
Lai lai lai lai lai

Oseh Shalom

(A prayer for peace)

Oseh shalom bim'romav
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleynu
V'al kol yisrael
V'imru amen
He who makes peace in his high places
He shall make peace upon us
And upon all of Israel
And say Amen

Sevivo

Sevivo Sov Sov Sov
Chanukah Hu Chag Tov
Chanukah Hu Chag Tov
Sevivo Sov Sov Sov
Chag Simcha hu la'am
Nes Gadol Haya Sham
Nes Gadol Haya Sham
Chag Simcha hu la'am
Dreidel spin spin spin
Chanukah is a nice holiday
Chanukah is a nice holiday
Dreidel spin spin spin
It's a joyous holiday for the nation
A great miracle happened there
A great miracle happened there
It's a joyous holiday for the people

Lich'vod HaChanukah

Avi hidlik nerot li
Veshamash lo avukah.
Yod'im atem lich'vod mi?
Lich'vod haChanukah.
Mori natan sevivo li
Ben-oferet yetzukah.
Yod'im atem lich'vod mi?
Lich'vod haChanukah!
Imi natnah levivah li,
levivah chamah, metukah.
Yod'im atem lich'vod mi?
Lich'vod haChanukah.
Dodi natan teshurah li,
prutah achat shechukah.
Yod'im atem lich'vod mi?
Lich'vod haChanukah.

My father lit some candles for me
And a Shamash that looks like a torch.
Do you know why he did so?
To celebrate Chanukah!

My teacher gave me a dreidel
Cast in lead.
Do you know why he did so?
To celebrate Chanukah!

My mother gave me a doughnut,
A warm, sweet doughnut to eat.
Do you know why she did so?
To celebrate Chanukah!

My uncle gave me a small gift,
A coin solitary and worn.
Do you know why he did so?
To celebrate Chanukah!



Mrs. Ruth Carnat OBM
Honouree 2000 / 5759



PM Stephen Harper, Mayor Dave Bronconnier
& Rabbi Menachem Matusof - 2008 / 5769



Akiva Academy Choir
2007 / 5768



The Sussman Family, David, Jacob, & Sara
2003 / 5764



The Calgary Jewish Academy Choir
2004 / 5765



Chabad's Chanukah display at the
Alberta Children's Hospital - 2005 / 5766

Ma-Oz Tzur

(This well-known Chanukah song summarizes historical challenges faced by the Jewish people that have been overcome with G-d's Help)

Ma-oz Tzur Y'shu-a-tee
L'cha Na-e L'sha-be-ach
Ti-kon Bet T'fee-la-tee
V'sham To-da N'za-be-ach.
L'et Ta-chin Mat-be-ach
Mee-tzar Ha-m'na-be-ach
Az Eg-mor, B'shir Miz-mor
Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-be-ach.

Oh What a Party

Oh what a party what a seuda
That they all had on that Chanukah
They ate up every single latke
And then they danced the kazatzka
People came from one hundred miles
And every face was full of smiles
Fathers and boys, girls and ladies
Even bobbies and zaidies
They lit the Menorah
And said divrei Torah
Two year old Devorah
Sang the Maoz Tzur
They all drank Lechaim
Next Year this time
In Yerushalayim
We will be for sure

Ani Ma'amin

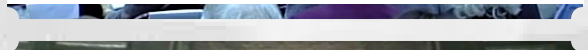
(A song reflecting one of the thirteen principles of the Jewish faith)

Ani m'amin
Be'emuna shelema
Beviat hamashiach ani ma'amin
Veaf al pi sheyitmahmecha
Im kol zeh, ani ma'amin

I believe with complete faith
In the coming of the Messiah, I believe
Believe in the coming of the Messiah
And even though he may tarry
Nonetheless I will wait for him



KlezMerovitz
2003 / 5764



The Calgary Boys Choir
1994 / 5755



The Inaugural Calgary Community Menorah Lighting
Dec. 23 1989 | 25 Kislev 5750
Heritage Park



CALGARY 1ST CHAIKMAN
COMMUNITY MENORAH
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Menorah Event

Hundreds of people turned out on Dec. 23 to light the "candles" on what has been called the Calgary Jewish community's first "Community Menorah".

The 16-foot high electrified steel menorah was sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch of Alberta, and was located north of Heritage Drive SW on the west side of 14th St. Event organizers estimated that as many as 500 people participated in the event, which occurred during unusually balmy weather.

The menorah was designed and fabricated in Calgary by Simyon Vinnik (architect), Sam Herscovis (welder), Gerald Wolfson (electrician), and Sam Kishinevsky (painter). Project co-ordinators were Rabbi Menachem M. Matusof, of Chabad-Lubavitch, and Harold Finkleman.

Participants included the Akiva Academy choir and student council president Isaac Bogoch; Adam Aptowitz, a Calgary Jewish Academy student; Community Council president Hal Joffe, and Mayor Al Duerr.

Children present were provided by organizers with Chanukah gelt, and audience members were treated to latkes.

Menorah Mobile

The Chabad van was outfitted with a specially designed, electrically operat-



— Ron Switzer Photo

— Chabad-Lubavitch Photo

— Michael Magtison Photo

Fabricators of the tallest menorah on the prairies, and menorah program organizers, gather around their creation (at right).

Among those attending the ceremony for the first lighting of the giant menorah were (upper left, from left) Dianne Mirosh, MLA; Rabbi Matusof, Chabad Director; Mayor Al Duerr, guest speaker; Bobbie Sparrow, MP.

The Chabad "Menorah Mobile" pauses during its travels (lower left).

ing menorah during Chanukah. The "Menorah Mobile" travelled throughout the city reminding Jews about the holiday and its message of religious freedom for all.

Soviet Jews

A Chanukah party was held at the Palliser, Pumphill Bayview Community Association building on Dec. 27 for Russian-speaking members of the Jewish community. About 80 people participated.

The traditional program included menorah lighting, latkes, refreshments, music, the distribution of Chanukah gelt to children, dreidel playing, and the showing of a video on Chanukah celebrations around the world.

Chanukah Awareness

Some 300 Chabad Chanukah pamphlets were distributed in Calgary and Edmonton, and to a Jewish inmate at Bowden Correctional Institution.



Mayor Naheed Nenshi receiving his purple yarmulka alongside Rabbi Matusof and Honouree Dr. Dan Goldstien - 2010 / 5771



Mr. Aron Eichler OBM singing alongside the Calgary Fiddlers 2006 / 5767



Latkes with the Mayor with left to right, Pamela Silver-Robins OBM, Rabbi Matusof, Mayor Al Duerr, Dr. Leonard Smith and Murray Robins - 1999 / 5760



Take the Oy Train
1996 / 5757



Jack Feingold OBM
Honouree - 1993 / 5754



The late Premier Ralph Klein
2007 / 5768

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CTeen Chanukah Program | Bat Mitzvah Club Chanukah Party
CKids Chanukah Party | Chanukah Outreach with Seniors
Friday Night Chanukah Dinner | Glenmore Trail/Chabad Campus LED Menorah
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Chanukah Guide Distribution | Friendship Circle Chanukah Party
Latke Baking & Food Preparation | Calgary Community Menorah Lighting
Car Menorahs Shining Bright in Calgary | Menorah Kits Distribution & Outreach
Calgary JLI (Jewish Learning Institute) Chanukah Classes & Lunch and Learn
Special Chanukah Tanya Classes | Calgary Yachad Hebrew School Chanukah Party
Chanukah at the University of Calgary | 7 Digital Menorahs Around Calgary

If you wish to lend support to any of these programs, be it volunteering or sponsoring, please visit Menorah.ca or call 403.281.3770.



A special thank you to ShawTV, the Shaw Family, Jim Cummings, and Scott Pym-Hember for all of their partnership, cooperation, assistance hard-work, and support for over twenty-five years.

Left:
Heather Shaw of ShawTV being presented with a Menorah as a gift of friendship and appreciation by Mrs. Rochel Matusof - 1996 / 5750



We encourage you to lend your support to Project Warmth by donating blankets, gloves, sleeping bags, scarves, parkas, and items of warm clothing which are being gathered and cleaned for distribution to those in need.

Thank you National Neon for helping us set up
our beautiful Menorah at Heritage Park
and Calgary City Hall!



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Al Oster putting up a mezuzah at the Grand Opening of the Chabad Calgary Campus - May 14, 2017 | 18 Iyar 5777

About our Honouree: Mr. Al Oster

Mr. Oster remembers attending the first Community Menorah Lighting on 14 Street by Heritage Park in 1989, and since has been a friend and supporter to Chabad's programs.

Born in Saskatoon in 1931, Al was the seventh child of Aron and Bessie Ostrovsky who moved their family to Edmonton when he was an infant. The door to his family home was always open to family and friends and he learned from a young age the importance of family, community and Tzedakah (charity).

"To this day, I love being surrounded by people," Al says. He attended Canada's first Jewish day school, the Talmud Torah, in Edmonton and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at the Beth Israel Synagogue, also in Edmonton.

A former singer, recording artist and Broadway investor, Al was born with a gift for music.

Alongside life-long friend and business partner Buddy Victor, they were co-owners of the original Alberta and Saskatchewan Weight Watchers franchises. Al moved to Calgary in 1969 to run the growing local Weight Watchers operation. Their franchises were sold to Weight Watchers of Canada in 2013.

Having attained success on so many fronts, Mr. Oster and Mr. Victor have turned their thoughts and deeds to giving back to the communities that have been good to them, and have supported charitable causes, sometimes publically, often quietly, and humbly.

Their first major public endowment supported a capital campaign for the art gallery of Alberta where the third-floor gallery is named for Buddy Victor and Al Oster. Mr. Oster was also a long-serving member of the Theatre Calgary Board of Directors.

Their legacy includes the establishment of the Buddy Victor and Al Oster Foundation in Edmonton and the Al Oster and Buddy Victor Foundation in Calgary. Mr. Oster's generosity has been felt by many institutions in the Calgary Jewish community, including The Jewish National Fund, Chabad's Calgary Campus and programs, Temple B'nai Tikvah, Calgary Jewish Federation/UJA, Jewish Family Service Calgary, Hadassah-WIZO and the Beth Tzedec's Jewish Film Festival, to name a few.

They have supported a wide range of urgent needs from palliative-care beds to disaster relief.

The Al Oster & Buddy Victor Alberta Tennis centre followed in June 2016., and in 2017 Al and Buddy were the honorees of the JNF yearly dinner!

Together and individually, Oster and Victor continue to support health, recreation, social services and arts initiatives.



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 30th Annual Calgary Community Menorah Lighting.

The lighting of the menorah during Chanukah is a wonderful, bright celebration of miracles—an expression of hope, perseverance and thanksgiving. This evening's community observance of Jewish faith and culture is also, in its own way, a light against the darkness.

Alberta is a place where people of all backgrounds and religions are free to practice and preserve their traditions. Every opportunity we take to learn from one another and find the beauty in our diversity makes our province stronger.

Alberta's Jewish community is a vibrant part of our multicultural mosaic, and I am grateful for the many contributions its members have made to our society. Thank you to Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta for organizing this event and for continuing to kindle and brighten Jewish life in our province.

I wish everyone a joyous and festive Chanukah.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Notley', written over a horizontal line.

Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta



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Chanukah at UofC	Rabbi Menachem & Rochel Matusof

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Car Menorahs (4 Remaining)	\$250
JLI Lunch & Learn	\$180
Friendship Circle Chanukah Party	\$180
CTeen Chanukah Party	\$360
Chanukah at UofC	\$180
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