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Rabbi Menachem Matusof and Mr. Daniel Shimonov
represented Alberta



(above) Prime Minister Harper and
Rabbi Matusof discuss affairs of state

(left) Canadian Chabad rabbis join
Prime Minister Harper in lighting the
Menorah at the Prime Minister's
residence on December 10th, 2012.

"On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper,
I thank the Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta for your
contributions to our culturally rich nation and for
allowing Canadians to share with you in this joyful
Jewish tradition...As Minister of Citizenship,
Immigration and Multiculturalism, I offer my gratitude
to the Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta for your ongoing
support and dedication to the Jewish Community
in Canada."

The Honourable Jason Kenney,
PC, MP
Minister of Citizenship,
Immigration & Multiculturalism



(below) Community Menorah Lighting at the
Alberta Legislature Building in Edmonton
on December 9th, 2012.



24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DECEMBER 11TH, 2012



Honoree Mr. Sam Switzer (second from right) recites the blessing as he lights the Menorah alongside (left to right) Community Menorah Co-Founder, Producer, and Emcee for 21 years Mr. Harold Finkleman, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, and Rabbi Menachem Matusof

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SAUL & TINA ENGEL AND MEYER'S SHEET METAL WHO PROUDLY MAINTAINED AND STORED THE MENORAH FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS AND TO BRIAN & SANDI SANDER, RYAN & ILANA SANDER, AND NATIONAL NEON FOR TAKING OVER THIS ALL TOO IMPORTANT TASK.

Honoree Mr. Sam Switzer and Mayor Naheed Nenshi draw the names of two lucky young recipients of State of Israel Bonds (sponsored by Leonard & Faigel Shapiro) with Mr. Aron Eichler



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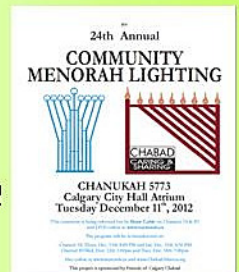
The Calgary Jewish Academy Choir delights the crowd

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED A TOTAL OF OVER 300 HOURS TO MAKE CHANUKAH 5773 A GREAT SUCCESS! A LIST OF ALL THE VOLUNTEERS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT MENORAH.CA.



Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Josh Groberman

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Three students from Har Vagai, twin school of the Calgary Jewish Academy, located in the Upper Galilee in northern Israel, perform for the crowd.

OVER 1000 DELICIOUS LATKES WERE MADE FRESH FOR THE 'LATKES TO GO'! (SPONSORED BY NEIL LABELL)

Communities leaders and members celebrated together with singing and dancing



Mr. Arnold Dvorkin sings for the crowd



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY! A LIST OF ALL SPONSORS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT MENORAH.CA.

MENORAH LIGHTING

27 KISLEV, 5773

Photos of the Community Menorah
Lighting taken by Mr. Avriel Gafni



Florence Shustack and
Project Co-ordinator
Mussie Rosenblum



(left) Children
enjoy Chanukah
Gelt Cards
with gummy cookies,
Chanukah gelt, and
delicious candy!



(right) The Akiva
Academy Choir
delights the crowd

**BROADCASTED LIVE ON SHAW CABLE TV AND LIVE ONLINE AT MENORAH.CA
AND REBROADCASTED FOUR TIMES THROUGHOUT CHANUKAH!!**

Five 3-5 feet Menorahs were proudly lit and displayed at area hospitals including the Alberta Children's Hospital, the Foothills Medical Centre, the Peter Lougheed Center, Rockyview General Hospital, and the newly opened South Health Campus (pictured right)



This year, four Car Menorahs roamed the city of Calgary.



(left to right) Calgary Police Service Deputy Chief Daroux,
Mayor Naheed Nenshi, Rabbi Menachem Matusof,
and Brian Eddy, Calgary Police Commission

**THANK YOU TO THE OVER 70 PARTICIPANTS, FROM POLITICIANS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO
COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES, WHO JOINED US TO CELEBRATE CHANUKAH.**

Rabbi Menachem Matusof and Mayor Naheed Nenshi
join Florence Shustack and members of
Take the Oy Train on stage.



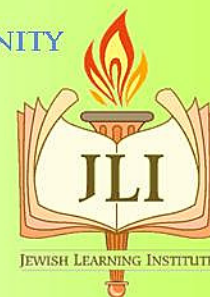
(left to right) Mr. John Switzer, Honouree Mr. Sam
Switzer, Mayor Naheed Nenshi, Rabbi Menachem
and Rochel Matusof, and Mrs. Christine Switzer



REPLAYS CAN BE WATCHED ONLINE AT MENORAH.CA!

OTHER CHANUKAH FACTS:

- ◇ CALGARY JLI (JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE) SPECIAL CHANUKAH CLASS
- ◇ FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CHANUKAH CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND SPECIAL FRIENDS
- ◇ OUR KITCHEN PREPARED 540 COOKIES AND 800 SUFGANIYOT (DOUGHNUTS), THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED IN HOSPITALS, HOMES, AND SOLD
- ◇ OUR JUDAICA STORE HANDLED OVER 125 BOXES OF CHANUKAH CANDLES, WICKS, MENORAHS, ETC
- ◇ 500 CHANUKAH GUIDES WERE DISTRIBUTED IN HOSPITALS AND IN THE COMMUNITY
- ◇ AND MUCH MORE!



1ST TIME IN ALBERTA

WINTER ROVING RABBIS

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◇ VISITED THE COMMUNITIES OF CANMORE, BANFF, AND RED DEER TO CELEBRATE CHANUKAH.
- ◇ OVER 25 HOTELS DISPLAYED SMALL MENORAHS ON THEIR FRONT DESKS.
- ◇ CELEBRATED CHANUKAH WITH ONE YOUNG MAN WHO HAD NOT DONE SO FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.
- ◇ CELEBRATED CHANUKAH WITH MEMBERS OF THE BANFF HOCKEY ACADEMY.
- ◇ DURING THEIR ROVING, THE ROVING RABBIS DISTRIBUTED 50 CHANUKIYOT, 50 BOXES OF CANDLES, AND MANY DELICIOUS LATKES AND SUFGANIYOT FOR ALL TO ENJOY.



"I just want to thank the Winter Roving rabbis for visiting with me, it was a truly enriching and meaningful experience. I always look forward to the summer visit of the rabbis and now I can look forward to their winter visits. They are truly inspirational times of sharing. I often feel more connected thanks to these experiences and find myself very proud to be a Jew when you can connect with your heritage, traditions and beliefs through these type of experiences. I look forward to greeting all Chabad members when they arrive at the airport and even more so thanks to these personal connections. Mazel Tov on another great idea."
J. Cohen, December 28th, 2012

