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Dear Friends,

Chanukah begins this Sunday evening. The first candle is lit this Sunday night December 6th at nightfall or after dark. We continue lighting the candles each night for eight nights. The last night we light the candles is Sunday night December 13th . On Friday December 11, one must light the candles only before sunset and not afterwards. On Saturday December 12th, one must only light the candles at least one hour after sunset and not before.

Please make the extra effort and the light the Chanukah candles this year.

You do not have to have an actual Menorah to fulfill this Mitzvah(requirement). You can use any candle or any type of oil you have in the house and still fulfill the Mitzvah of lighting Chanukah lights . If you do not have a Menorah or Chanukah candles and cannot buy a menorah or Chanukah candles locally, please email me and we will help you locate a menorah and candles in your area or send you some.

Each and every Jew should light his or her own Menorah with real candles or oil. Children are encouraged to light as well.

The Blessings

Before lighting the Chanukah candles, we thank G-d for giving us this special mitzvah, and for the incredible Chanukah miracles:

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-she ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner Chanukah.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-z'man ha-zeh.

[Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.]

The first time you light the menorah each year , one should add the following blessing:

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

[Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.]

For everything you want to know about the holiday of Chanukah including recipes for Potato Latkes, visit www.chanukah.org

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Do you have questions about the laws and customs of lighting the menorah?

- * When do you light?
- * Where do you light?
- * How do you recite the blessings?
- * How long do the lights need to burn for?

This five-minute instructional video makes it simple to learn.

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