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Chanukah celebrations were held at the
Alberta Legislature on Sunday December 14

**Rabbi Ari Drellich
Chabad of Edmonton**

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Chanukah Celebrations at the Legislature



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[Chanukah Heroes and Villains Quiz - Chabad.org](https://www.chabad.org/chanukah/heroes-and-villains-quiz)



Chabad rabbis, holocaust survivors, a 10-year-old girl: Who are the Bondi attack victims?



Victims of the Bondi Beach Shooting in Sydney, December 14, 2025. (Facebook)

Those lost in the attack included Chabad rabbis, children, grandparents, Holocaust survivors, businessmen and people just getting their start in life.

By Vered Weiss, World Israel News

A Chanukah celebration on Bondi Beach in Sydney to mark the first night of the holiday turned into a mass tragedy and one of the most severe antisemitic terror attacks since the Hamas invasion of Israel on Oct. 7, 2023.

The incident demonstrated not only the cruelty of the assailants but also the heroism of ordinary people who tried to stop the attackers, as well as the sense of loss for those who were victims of the shooting.

Those lost in the attack included Chabad rabbis, children, grandparents, Holocaust survivors, businessmen and people just getting their start in life.

Chabad rabbis, holocaust survivors, a 10-year-old girl:



"MIKEITZ" IN A NUTSHELL ...



Joseph's imprisonment finally ends when Pharaoh dreams of seven fat cows that are swallowed up by seven lean cows, and of seven fat ears of grain swallowed by seven lean ears. Joseph interprets the dreams to mean that seven years of plenty will be followed by seven years of hunger, and advises Pharaoh to store grain during the plentiful years. Pharaoh appoints Joseph governor of Egypt. Joseph marries Asenath, daughter of Potiphar, and they have two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

Famine spreads throughout the region, and food can be obtained only in Egypt. Ten of Joseph's brothers come to Egypt to purchase grain; the youngest, Benjamin, stays home, for Jacob fears for his safety. Joseph recognizes his brothers, but they do not recognize him; he accuses them of being spies, insists that they

bring Benjamin to prove that they are who they say they are, and imprisons Simeon as a hostage. Later, they discover that the money they paid for their provisions has been mysteriously returned to them.

Jacob agrees to send Benjamin only after Judah assumes personal and eternal responsibility for him. This time Joseph receives them kindly, releases Simeon, and invites them to an eventful dinner at his home. But then he plants his silver goblet, purportedly imbued with magic powers, in Benjamin's sack. When the brothers set out for home the next morning, they are pursued, searched, and arrested when the goblet is discovered. Joseph offers to set them free and retain only Benjamin as his slave.

Learn: [Miketz in Depth](#)
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TORAH GEMS

Like a Date Palm

"A righteous man will flourish like a date palm, like a cedar in the Lebanon he will grow tall." (Psalm 92:13)

The Rabbis enumerate the many distinctive properties that make the palm tree a symbol of virtue and righteousness: —The palm grows straight, without bending,

just as the righteous man remains upright and honest. The wood of the palm is free of knots, just as the righteous man is free of flaws. —The palm's shady leaves and fronds are far off the ground, at the very top of the tree. Similarly, the reward promised the righteous is not

immediate, but is reserved for the distant future of the World to Come. — Every part of the palm is useful: its fruits are eaten, its leaves and fronds are used in thatching, and its wood is used for construction. Similarly, each righteous Jew fulfills a special purpose (Bereishis Rabbah 41:1).

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Psalms" by Rabbi Nosson Scherman / Rabbi Gedaliah Zlotowitz, 2018, page 410. Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#/forum/torahtidbits>

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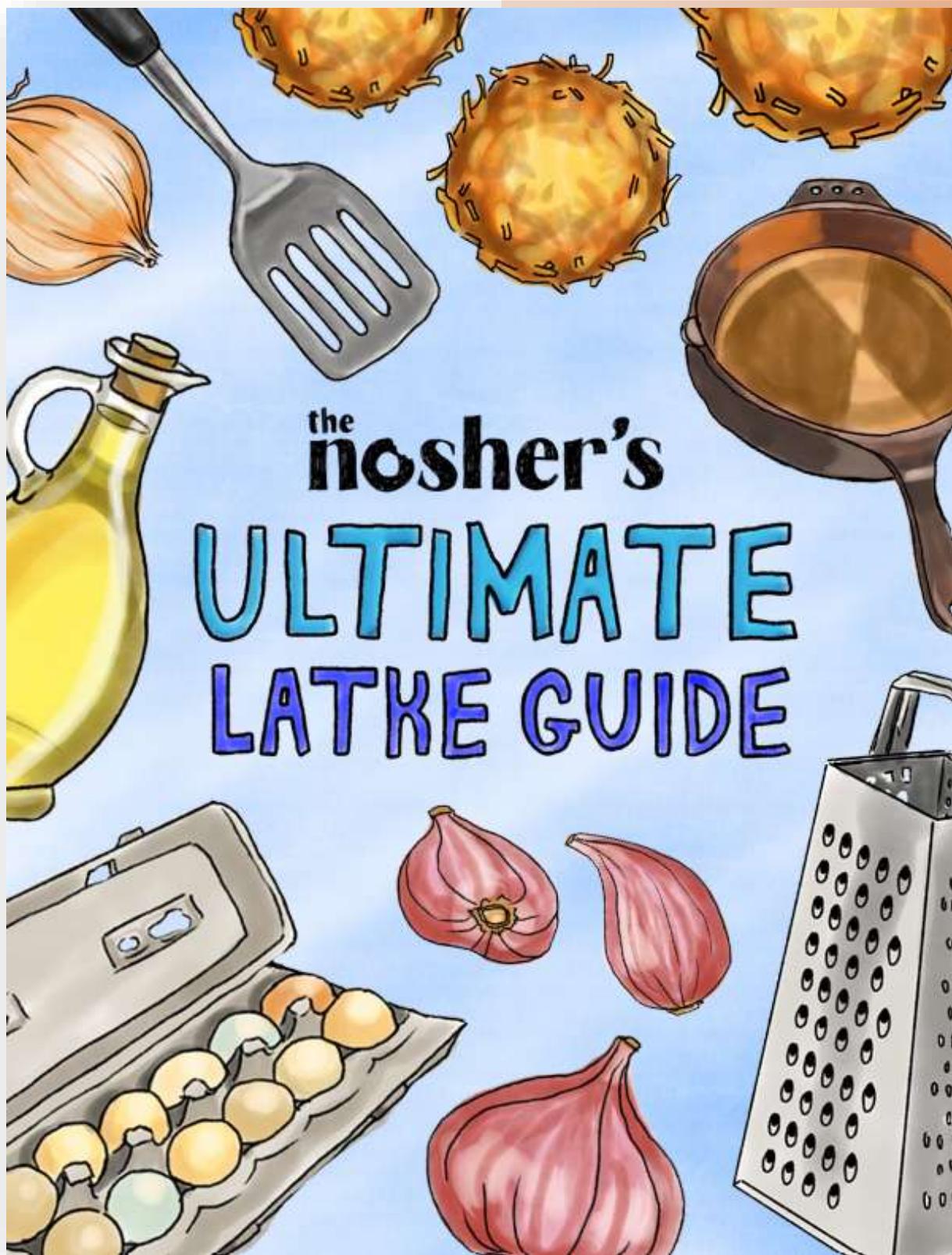
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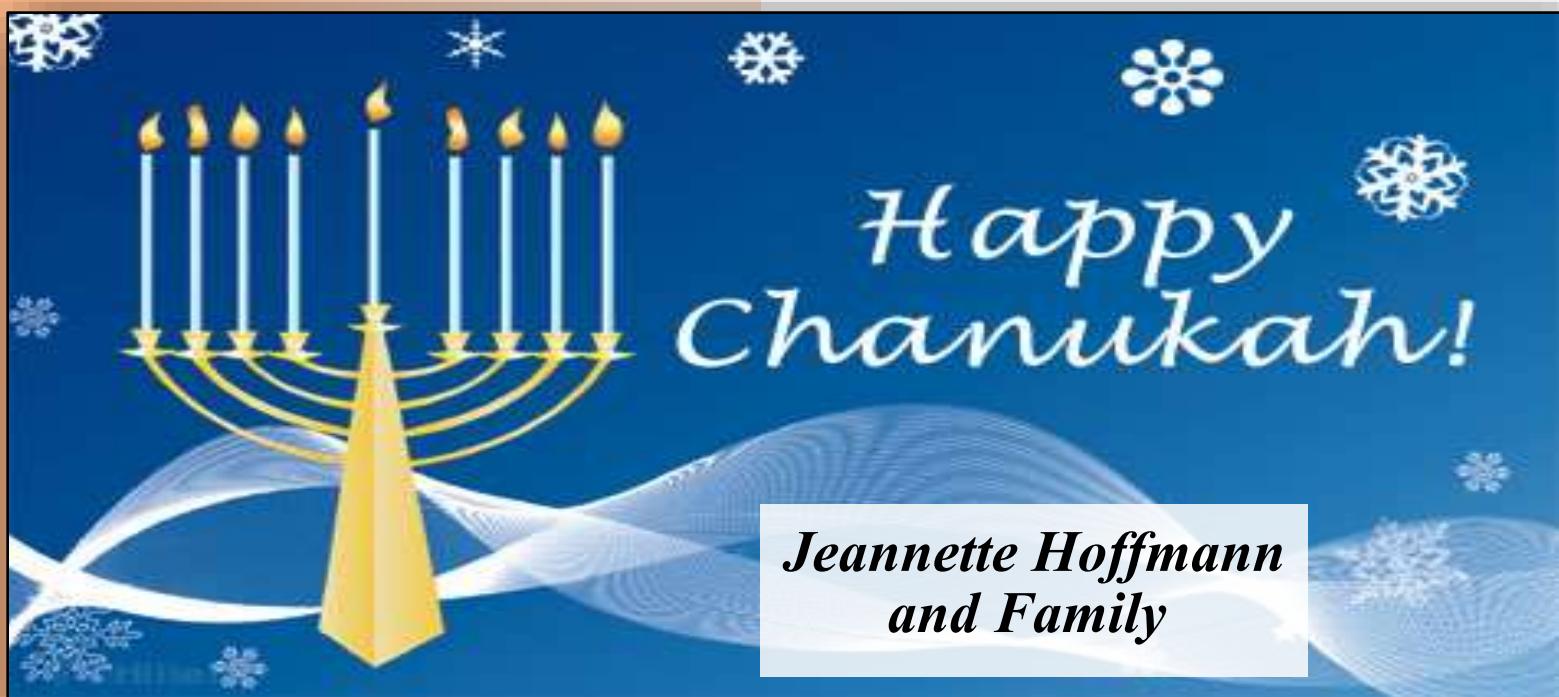


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*Len & Catherine Dolgoy
and Family*



*Happy
Chanukah!*



*Jeannette Hoffmann
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**Chanukah
Sameach**



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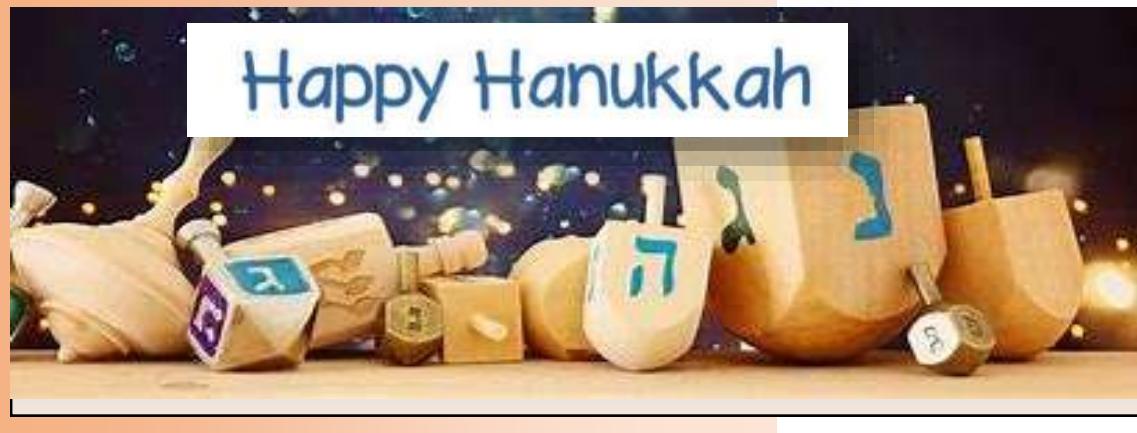
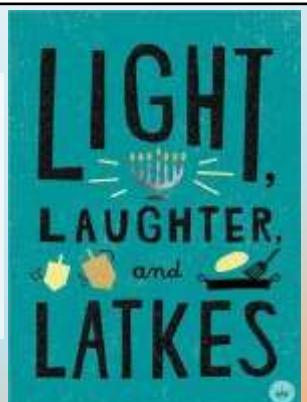
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**Arlene, David, Michael,
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Gabe & Sonia Goldberg and Family

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

1,300-year-old menorah pendant suggests Rome couldn't keep all Jews out of Jerusalem

After Holy City was razed in 135 CE, an edict seemed designed to prevent a Jewish return. The discovery of an ancient artifact indicates some tenacious residents refused to stay away



A 1,300-year-old menorah-decorated pendant was found at the Davidson Archaeological Park in Jerusalem, in a discovery announced on December 15, 2025. (Asaf Peri/City of David)

**1,300-year-old menorah pendant suggests Rome
couldn't keep all Jews out of Jerusalem | The**



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Happy Hanukkah

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Stephen & Ashlea
Anders & Samuel Deutsch*



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חנוכה שמח!

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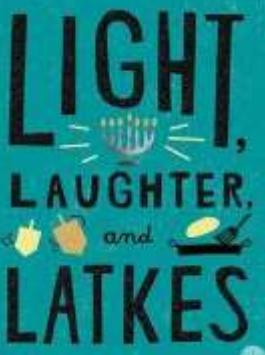
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*Melanie Garver
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*Wishing the entire community
a very Happy Chanukah!*

***Daniel & Marina
Starkman and Family***

Chag Sameach!

***Cyril & Sheena
Fried and
Family***



*Happy Hanukkah
let the light shine
bright*

***Danielle Dolgov
and Family***



*CHAG SAMAECH
to the entire Jewish
community*

***Mike Zisin
and Family***



*Let the Lights Shine Bright for
Chanukah*

***Shane & Rebecca Asbell
and Family***

Chanukah Greetings ...



**Let the Lights Shine Bright
for Chanukah!**

**Margaret
Friedman**



*To all my family
& friends*
**Mindelle
Jacobs**



**Happy Chanukah
from our
Home to Yours**
**Chico Felber
& Lorraine
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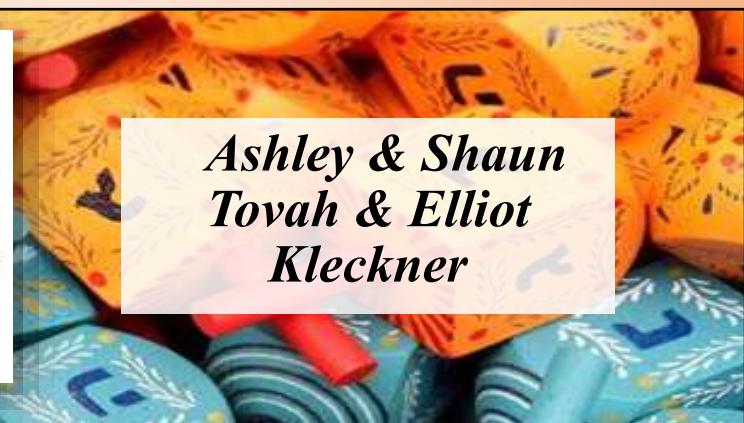
**Happy
Chanukah
from our
Home to
Yours**



Howard Davidow & Anita Sky



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Chanukah Greetings ...



*Wishing everyone Latke Fun
& Latke Gelt!*

**Orit & Dave Frankel
(Toronto, Ont.)**

Happy Hanukkah



Happy Chanukah!

Toby Rabinovitz

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*Emanuel and Yochi
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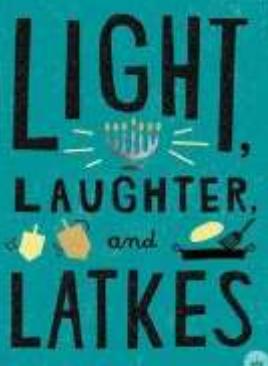
Happy Chanukah!



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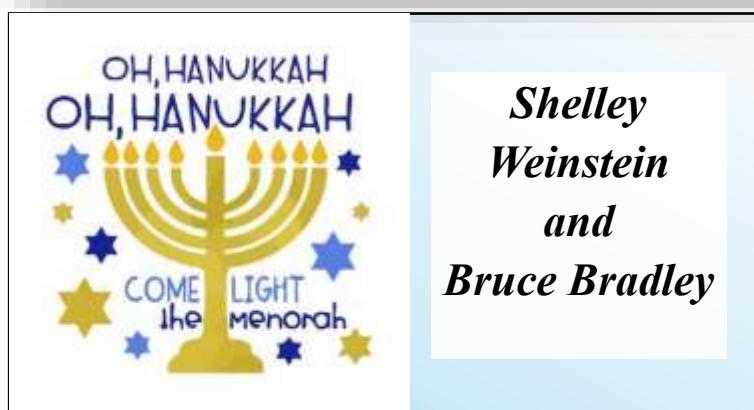
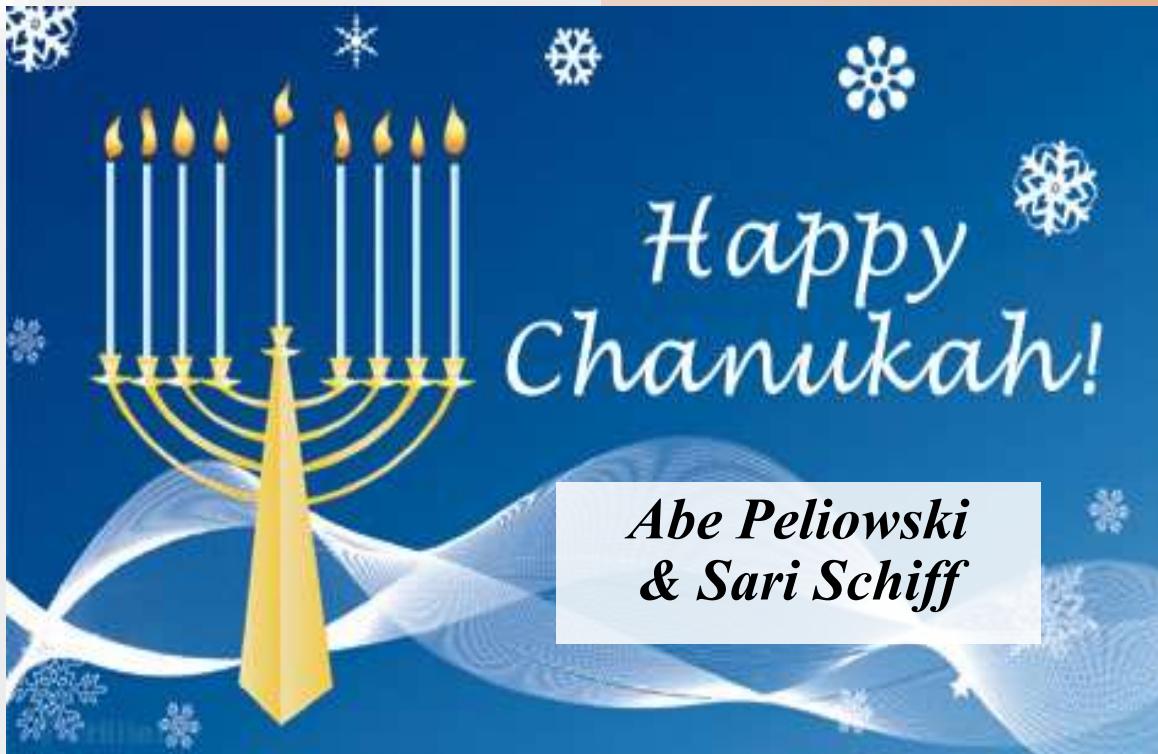
Happy Hanukkah

*May the lights of Hanukkah Shine brightly
now and throughout the year!*

Paul Crosty and Family



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HAPPY HANUKKAH

Joel Helm & Family

*David Bookhalter
& Jacqui Katzeff
and families*

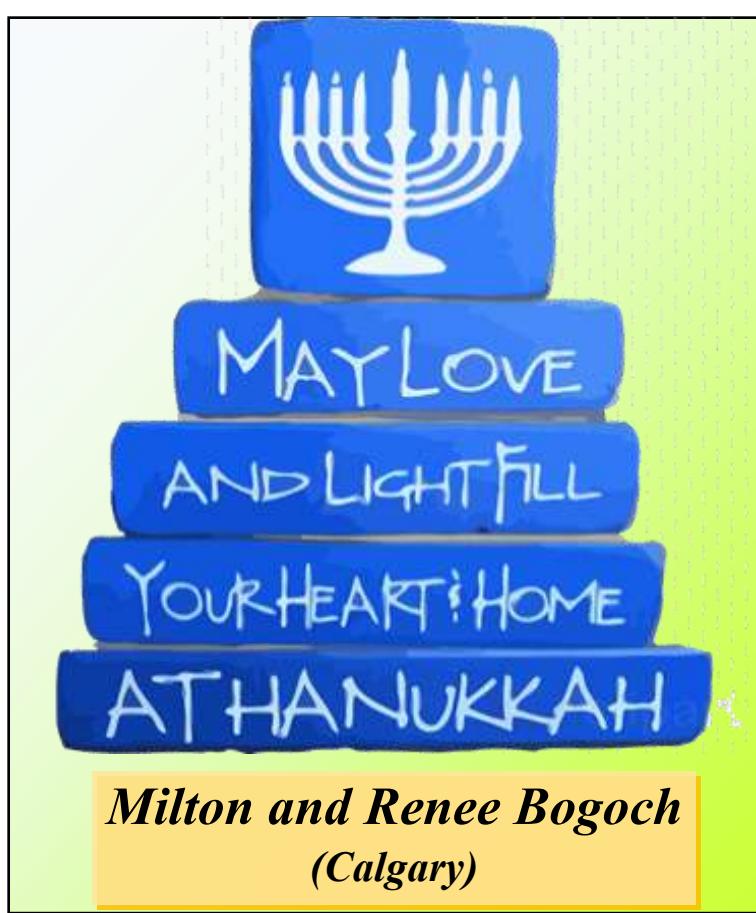


*Wishing you
blessings and joy
this season.*

Happy
Hanukkah



*Norman & Evelyn
Schayer*



*Milton and Renee Bogoch
(Calgary)*



Chag Sameach



As we approach the end of 2025 and the joyous celebration of Chanukah, Na'amat Canada proudly reflects on a year of significant accomplishments and steadfast support for our vital work in Israel and at home.

Our leadership participants have just returned from Israel with renewed energy and deepened commitment to empowering women, children, and families, even in the face of ongoing challenges. I was proud to lead this inspiring group of women and to witness firsthand both the meaningful work that has been completed and the critical work that still lies ahead.

During our visit, we saw:



The renovated kitchen and dining room at the Na'amat Canada Glickman Centre for Family Violence Prevention, now a warm and dignified space where women can prepare and share meals with their children.



The new therapy room at the Glickman Centre, offering women and children an additional avenue for healing through music and therapeutic activities.



The Musical Playground at the Rhodie Blanshay Benaroch Children's Centre, while also recognizing the need for upgrades to the main outdoor play and gathering area.



The new middle school building at Kanot, where we witnessed the joy and confidence of students learning in a modern environment. Completion of the second floor for Grade 9 students will proceed once funding is secured.



The thriving students at the Hadera Technological High School, whose pride was evident as they welcomed us with treats, they had baked themselves. On the school's wish list is a new hairdressing salon—one of its primary educational streams—which the principal envisions as a welcoming and fully functional learning space.



The resilience of the staff and children at our Sderot Multipurpose Daycare Centre. The dedication of the caregivers truly goes above and beyond to provide stability and care for the families they serve.

These were just some of the highlights of what we experienced. Our services extend far beyond these programs, and we were fortunate to meet dedicated staff members at several of our other facilities as well.

I thank you sincerely for all that you have done—and continue to do—to support the essential work of Na'amat. Your generous support has been instrumental in enabling us to respond swiftly and compassionately to the evolving and unexpected needs of vulnerable individuals within our social service and educational networks during these traumatic times.

As we light the Chanukah candles, we pray for lasting peace in Israel and around the world. We stand firmly with Israel and yearn for the swift and safe return of the last remaining hostage. We mourn for our brothers and sisters who were the victims of the horrific attack in Sydney, Australia on the first night of Chanukah. We yearn for the day when Jews can once again live full Jewish lives without fear of oppression in their own backyards and around the world. May the light of Chanukah spread truth and warmth, and like the Maccabees, may we continue to triumph over adversity.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and wish you and your families good health, strength, and happiness.

Happy Chanukah. Am Yisrael Chai.

Susan Inhaber
National President, Na'amat Canada

ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

"I was honoured to have been chosen for this Freda Sohmer Leadership Seminar in Tel Aviv along with Robin Marcus from my chapter. I express my gratitude to the Na'amat Organization for this incredible opportunity to experience what Na'amat does in Israel and abroad."

Gail Estrin

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*Wishing the entire community
a very Happy Chanukah!*

Bruce & Susan Mintz

Chag Samaech!

**Maneesha
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*Happy Hanukkah
let the light shine
bright*

**Stan & Sheila
Bronson**



*CHAG SAMAECH
to the entire Jewish
community*

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