



ight, brightness, radiance, are metaphors we use when we wish to speak about hope, wisdom, or goodness. The candle flame, the ray of light, the glowing coal — these are the images in which we recognize our yearning for a better world, for a wiser, more virtuous, more G-dly self.

We are encouraged by the fact that a luminous body like the sun, can have such a profound effect on entities and beings millions of miles away, enriching them with light, warmth, energy and life. We are encouraged by the fact that a tiny flame can banish a roomful of darkness. If so, all is not lost. If our own souls are "candles of G-d", then little me

is not so little after all. All we need to do is be what we truly are, to act out our innate goodness, and the darkness will melt away.

Once a year, we celebrate this truth. For eight days and nights, we celebrate the power of light: in ascending number — one little flame on the first evening, two flames on the second, three on the third — we kindle the Chanukah menorah, recalling that miraculous victory, 22 centuries ago, of quality over quantity, spirit over materialism, right over might. And pray for the day when such victories are no longer "miracles", but the way things are in G-d's world.

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WISHING YOU A CHANUKAH FULL OF MIRACLES, UNITY & LIGHT

What is Chanukah?

Chanukah -- the eight-day festival of light that begins on the eve of the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev -- celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, of purity over adulteration, of spirituality over materiality.

More than twenty-one centuries ago, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who sought to forcefully Hellenize the people of Israel. Against all odds, a small band of faithful Jews defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G-d.

When they sought to light the Temple's menorah (the seven branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks; miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicise these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah. At the

heart of the festival is the nightly menorah (candelabrum) lighting: a single flame on the first night, two on the second evening, and so on till the eighth night of Chanukah, when all eight lights are kindled.

On Chanukah we also add the Hallel and Al HaNissim in our daily prayers to offer praise and thanksgiving to G-d for "delivering the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few... the wicked into the hands of the righteous."

Chanukah customs include eating foods fried in oil -- latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiot (doughnuts); playing with the dreidel (a spinning top on which are inscribed the Hebrew letters nun, gimmel, hei and shin, an acronym for Nes Gadol Hayah Sham, "a great miracle happened there"); and the giving of Chanukah gelt, gifts of money, to children.

Visit www.chabad.org for the complete story of Chanukah, and for a comprehensive "How To" guide for the observances and customs of Chanukah.

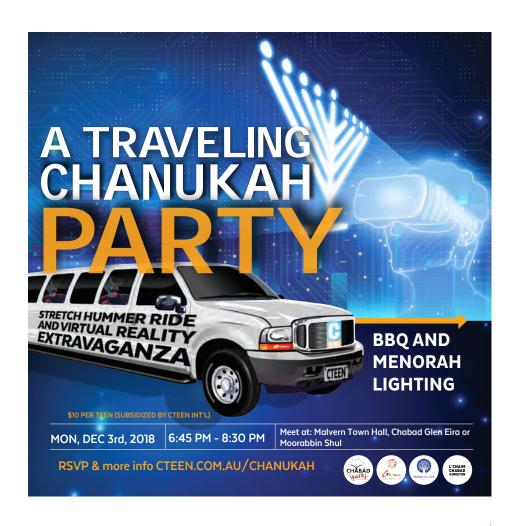


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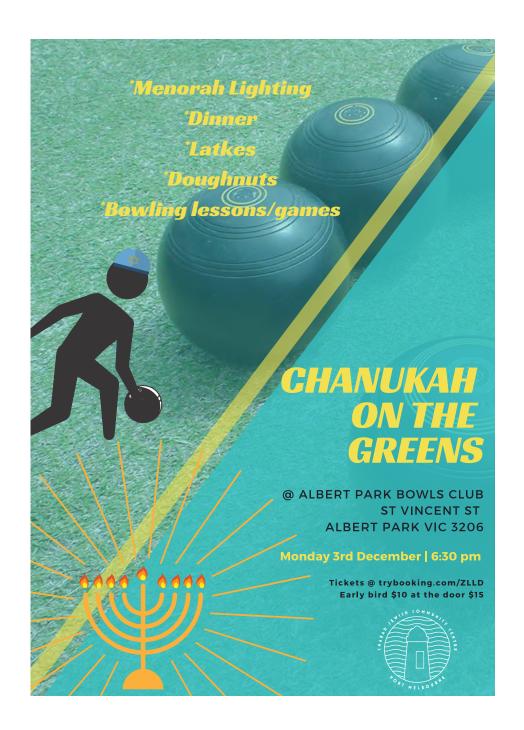








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Tuesday, 4th December



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CHANUKAH AT **PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 1.00 SHARP SPRING ST. MELBOURNE

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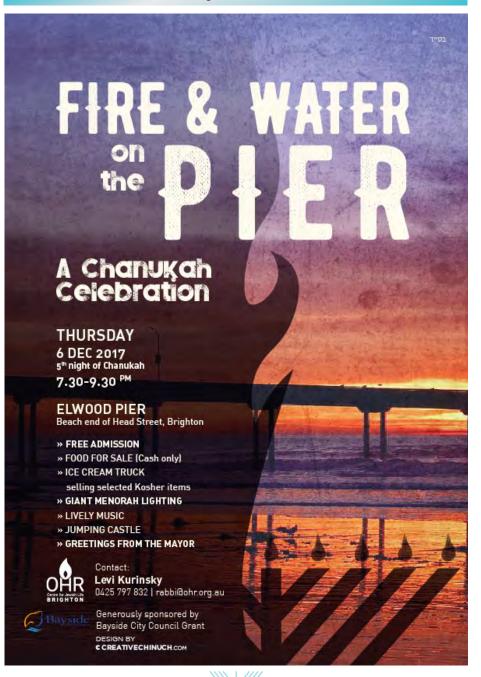


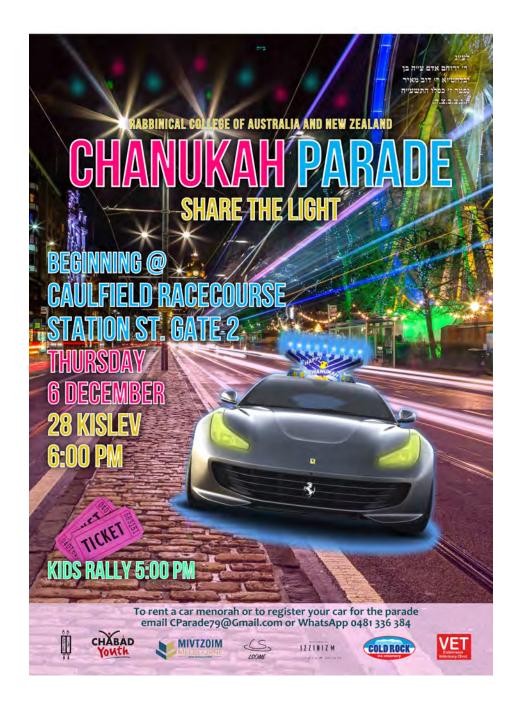


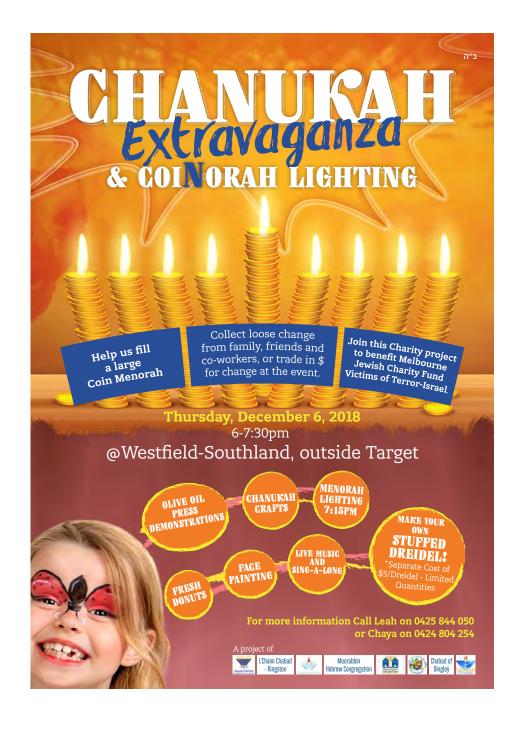




Thursday, 6th December









Celebrate Chanukah

at Malvern Central



Menorah Lighting, Doughnuts, Latkes, Kids Entertainment, Kosher Food Sampling with Woolworths and more!

Date: Thursday 6 DecembTime: 6.30pm - 7.30pmLocation: Level 4 Food Court

For more information please contact Velly on 0404 766 759 or velly@chabad.com.au



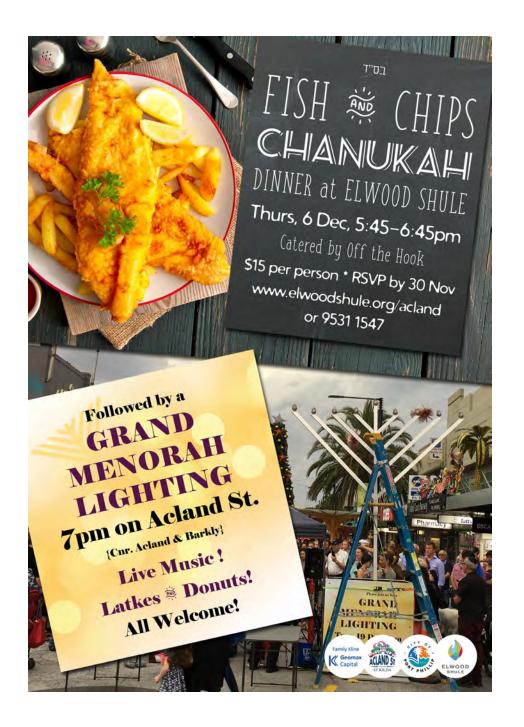




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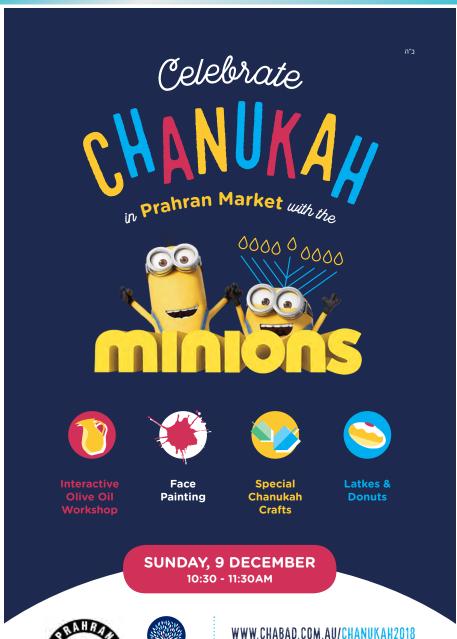
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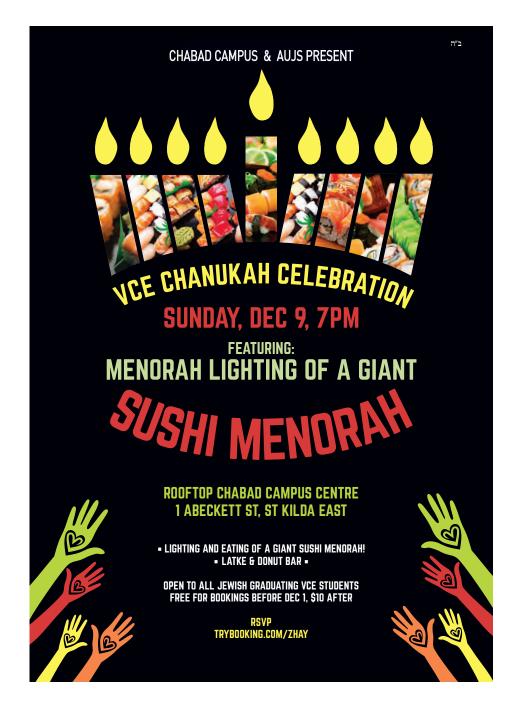






Sunday, 9th December









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Chanukah @ EE Gunn Reserve

*Magic Show
*Sports for teens
* Dinner
* Menorah
lighting
*Playground



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donut and drink
Contact 9578-5922 for
more info









CHANUKAH COMMUNITY BBQ

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018 6-8 PM

@ BRAESIDE PARK

TELFORD PICNIC AREA (NEAR PLAYGROUND)





INSTRUCTIONS FOR MELBOURNE 2018

Be sure to use long lasting candles as the menorah must burn for at least a half hour into nightfall.

FRIDAY EVENING

Shabbos Starts: 8:13 PM | Shabbos Ends: 9:19 PM

- Friday menorah lighting before Shabbos Candles.
- Motzei Shabbos/ Saturday night menorah lighting after Shabbos ends & Havdala.

THE ORDER OF KINDLING THE CHANUKAH LIGHTS

It is the Chabad custom to place the menorah, on a chair or the like, within the doorway, next to the doorpost opposite the *mezuzah*. On the first of night of Chanukah, one light is kindled at the extreme right of the menorah. Each night thereafter, one light is added to the immediate left of the preceding night's light; the one that is newly added is kindled first, and the kindling proceeds towards the right. The following blessings are recited while standing, and then the lights are kindled.



בְּרוּךְּ אַתָּה אֲדֹנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלְם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בִּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנָכָּה

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

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



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הְעוֹלְם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִפִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בִּזְמֵן הַזֶּה שֶׁעָשָׂה נִפִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ

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

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



Recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting this Chanukah):

בְּרוּף אַתָּה אֲדֹנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶּף הְעוֹלָם שֶּׁהֶחֶינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לִזְמַן הַזֶּה שֶׁהֶחֶיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לִזְמַן הַזֶּה

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 G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

