

Happy Chanukah!



Throughout Chanukah, we will be sharing ideas to enhance your celebrations. As you light candles this week, we hope you will add meaning to each night by

- *Reading Chanukah reflections shared by congregants
- *Adding light and hope to the world by supporting worthy organizations
- *Dancing and singing to inspired Chanukah songs

We hope you will enjoy this season as much as we do.

Reflect

A Quiet Chanukah Remembrance, by Jane Snerson

We had dinner together every night. There was no rule—we just adjusted our schedules to accommodate that routine because we placed a high value on Family Time—with capital letters. We liked each other and enjoyed sharing our lives. Hanukkah was special because we extended our dinner by gathering in the kitchen, turning out the lights, lighting the candles, singing the blessings, and placing our menorah in the window. Dinner, with the lights on, was talk time; but as we reached dessert (jelly donuts) we paused. The candles were getting low, our conversation quieted. We turned down the lights and concentrated on the flames. We felt special. This was our holiday. We talked about our heritage, our history, and how we survived. As the candles spluttered out, the acrid smoke tickled our noses. We felt warm, embraced, and together. We liked that.

Kindle

MAINE GUN SAFETY COALITION

Maine Gun Safety Coalition is a grassroots organization founded in 2000 to protect Maine families and communities from gun violence. They educate parents, administrators and the public about issues relating to gun safety, voice the concerns of their constituents to elected officials about gun legislation and provide free trigger locks to prevent the accidental discharge of weapons by children and unlicensed individuals. We are asking congregants to join their Show Up Network (SUN) in which supporters will show up, call up, email, and text legislators to help get gun safety legislation passed in Maine. You can sign up [here](#).

Rejoice



How do *you* spell Chanukah? (And why aren't rabbis mentioned here?)

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