

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

Chanukah with the Sanokklis Family

To our family, Chanukah has always meant competitive dreidel games, latke buffets, and giving *tzedakah*. I love sharing our Chanukah traditions with my classmates at school. For several years now, I have brought in dreidels for my advisor to play during Chanukah. We've collected many menorahs over the years, so we usually light five or six each night of Chanukah, including a memorial candle. One of our favorite things to do is to find creative ways to make latkes. We always have tons of latkes and food on our table for all eight days. Last year on Chanukah, we got some new family members: rescue dogs from Georgia. We were initially going to get a service dog for our Oma, but we ended up with two spastic, lovable, and fun brothers. They were the best Hanukkah gift EVER. They often give us presents themselves, whether its the head from their most recent toy or a half-chewed up a glove; they are the gift that keeps on giving. One other important part of Chanukah for our family is giving *tzedakah*. We each pick a charity and donate to that charity.

Kindle

Black [P]ortland [O]rganizers [W]orking To [E]nd [R]acism

BLACK P.O.W.E.R. was established as an organization dedicated to and aligned with the demands and mission of the national Movement for Black Lives. They are a collective of local Black organizers, activists, and community members who are promoting racial justice and social consciousness by holding our shared community and government accountable.

RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER OF REFORM JUDAISM (RAC)

The RAC provides non-partisan campaigns to engage voters in exercising the franchise; it also fights efforts to strip voters of their rights. The efforts to gut the Voting Rights Act must be countered by civil engagement that reaches out to Americans who may not even be aware they have lost their vote. The RAC had a very successful campaign in the recent election and they are continuing to be involved with the Senate runoff in Georgia with phone banks and postcard writing.

Rejoice

[Click here](#) to see that, if you know what you are doing, you can absolutely sing a guttural "ch".

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