

# 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.

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## Reflect

**Chanukah 2020**, by Melissa Montefel

As I contemplate Chanukah in this very strange year, my thoughts drift to celebrations of old. I have very fond memories of being with my then spouse, going to friends' houses, and joining the annual Bet Ha'am extravaganza with everyone's Chanukah menorahs lined up and shining bright, always such a beautiful sight! Children came, and we switched to having friends and their kids (and *chanukiyot*) over for our Chanukah party. Life changes, and I was lucky to get my teenagers home for one night together (the promise of latkes and Buffalo wings is a big draw). Lately, I have looked forward to a night with my daughters and "ladies night" with my friends. While I am not sure yet what this December will bring, I know that lighting candles, reciting blessings, and connecting with friends and family, whether it be by phone, Zoom, or FaceTime, will shine a bright glow on my own rededication to Jewish life, keeping in touch with loved ones, and staying safe until we can all gather again.

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### **ACLU OF MAINE**

The ACLU of Maine is the state's guardian of liberty. They are active in the courts, the legislature, and the public sphere to defend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and to extend their promises to all Mainers. Their priority issues include criminal justice reform, reproductive freedom, racial justice, immigrants' rights, LGBTQ rights, women's rights, voting rights, freedom of expression, freedom of speech and religion, and privacy.

### **ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)**

ADL's mission is "To stop the defamation of the Jewish people, and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." As Jews we have values that inform our work and guide our tactics, including courage, respect, collaboration, inclusion, credibility, integrity and accountability. The ADL has workshops and educational tools for students in grades K-12, college age students, and adults.

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Rejoice



A great retelling of the Chanukah story with some awesome air guitar.

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