

UN Chanukah Menorah

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The evening will begin with a Grand Menorah Lighting Ceremony with Rabbi Elie Abadie remembering the 11 victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue and lit the candles outside by the Isaiah wall Menorah. Diplomats, Rabbis and UN staff gathered for a grand Hanukkah ball in UN HQ with Kosher wine and food. The Advocates Corner Clark Pena receiving the Ambassador of Peace award, attending, Latino Pastor Bishop David Maldonado jr, District Leader of the Conservative Party in the Bronx Denis Oswald, Lt Angie Ozuna NYPD finest woman, Chief Lou Telano Sheriff's Office, Chief Manuel Delarosa NYPD, Luis Paniagua Alianza Int., and people from every part of the world. After the blessings were recited by Michael Fisher and the 5 candles were lit in UN HQ for the first time in history, we all sang Maoz Tzur and danced together, really nice bonding experience. Rabbi Yakov David Cohen share some Chanukah remarks and blessings for Universal Peace Over 100 people were there, as well from the Mountain Jewish community from the former USSR

The origin of lighting a Menorah stems from the moment when just a few people were able to confront a huge and well-trained army that wanted to do away with religious freedom, and be victorious over that army. It is also a symbol of freedom, of the yearning of people to exercise their religious beliefs without any external imposition. And finally, the Menorah also incorporates the notion that there should ever be more light in the world, as one candle is added each night to be lit at the darkest period of the year. In all countries of the world, leaders have been seen lighting the Menorah at their Jewish communities.

Rabbi Yakov David Cohen Director of the Institute of the Noahide Code, the UN NGO that organized the evening, said "I

am heartened coming into the United Nations Headquarters with the Isaiah Wall right across the UN in which the day is mentioned that no nation will wage war against another nation, and the swords will be transformed into plowshares. The Seven Universal Laws of Noah are means by which humanity strives to live in unity and peace. These laws for peace and unity encompass respect for G-d, for human life, respect for the Family, for other people's property, the creation and respect of a judicial system, and respect for all creatures and environment.

The United Nations acknowledges human rights as well as humanity's right to freedom, including that of religion. This Menorah lighting ceremony was open to all, including visitors to the United Nations of all races, religions and ethnicities. It was a celebration of all that unites us as human family that we are: our yearning for ever more light at a time that humanity hopefully emerges victorious with light over darkness, the forces of human rights and freedom successful over intolerance, and the ideals of the Noahide code prevailing throughout the world.

The New York State assembly, The Council of NYC issues a Proclamations on the Universal Noahide Code as foundation for peace and law and order and in a statement from city officials spoke on working with communities on universal peace and prevention, thereby all living in peace and harmony in this great city of NY.





