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Dear Friends:

The following blessings will shortly be proclaimed in many Jewish homes around the world, as Hanukah is celebrated this December:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה:

*Baruch atah Adonai, Elohenu Melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzv-tav v'tzivanu l'hadlich ner shel Hanukah.*

*Blessed art Thou O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with thy commandments and commanded us to light Hanukah lights.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ,  
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה:

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam, she-asah nissim la-avoteinu bayamim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

*Blessed art Thou O Lord our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our fathers in those days at this season.*



Hanukah which means "dedication", is a celebration of the rededication of the Jerusalem temple to the worship of the God of Israel after a period of defilement under Syrian Greek rule in the 2nd century BC. It is also known as the "festival of lights" in commemoration of the rekindling of the Temple menorah. It is modelled in many ways upon aspects of the Feast of Tabernacles. This year Hanukah will fall on 21-29 December.

It was on Hanukah, while walking in the temple area that Jesus himself declared that "He and the Father are one"; this statement almost got him stoned as He affirmed His deity. He was accused of being a mere man yet declaring himself to be God. This was and is part of the mystery of the Godhead- that Messiah would be Immanuel - God with us.

This December, during the Hanukah and Christmas season we will be taking a small team of staff and volunteers with us for an **intensive 9 days of street and beach evangelism**: We will be handing out broadsides (tracts) as we engage and proclaim Jesus as Messiah and light of the world; we will be visible in the major shopping centres and we will also be having a presence on the major beaches at key times. Bannering near the major intersections will also be used as an evangelistic tool. We will culminate the outreach with an informative evening looking at what the Holy Spirit is doing in Israel at this time, as we give exciting insights and feedback from our first 2 **Behold Your God - Israel, campaigns** this year. **The venue for this will be Camps Bay United Church, 6.30 pm for 7pm, 28th December.** Their phone no is: (021) 4-38-9674. Please contact our office for more information.

We have given you a holiday broadside for you to use for your own evangelism this December- you may duplicate this if you wish. Please won't you consider upholding us this December through prayer and financial support. You can use the enclosed card as a means to confirm this.

We want to wish you a meaningful and joyous December holiday season and thank you for supporting Jews for Jesus this past year! May His light shine upon you this season and in 2009!

Blessings to you on behalf of the staff of Jews for Jesus South Africa,

Michael Sischy.



Yes Michael! I want to partner with you in shining the light of Jesus and the true meaning of Hanukkah to the Jewish and Gentile people in Cape Town this December!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be in prayer for you and your team, this December!

I would like to support you financially with the following donation amount: R\_\_\_\_\_

*(We would really appreciate it if you could do a direct deposit into the Jews for Jesus account, as cash and cheques by post are liable to be intercepted. Please return this slip so we can thank you for your partnership in the gospel.)*

Account details: Standard Bank, Jan Smuts Avenue, Branch Code 004205, Account No: 001 904 892

