

Hanukkah

December 11, 2005

Opening Song -- "Oh Hanukkah"

O Hanukkah, O Hanukkah come light the menorah
Let's have a party, we'll all dance the hora
Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat
Dreidels to play with and latkes to eat
And while we are playing, the candles are burning low

One for each night, they shed us sweet light
To remind us of days long ago (2x)

Welcome and Sharing Joys

Interfaith Responsive Reading

Reader: We gather here as an Interfaith Community
To share and celebrate the gift of life together

*All: Some of us gather as the Children of Israel
Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
Some of us gather influenced by each*

Reader: Howsoever we come, and whomsoever we are
May we be moved, In our time together
To experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us
Evoked by our worship together

*All: And to know in the wisdom of our hearts
That deeper unity in which all are one.*

Reading and Reflection -- Rabbi White

First Maccabees, Chapter 2, Verses 31-48

Concerns of the Community

Song ~ "Ma'oz Tzur" (Rock of Ages)

Ma-oz tzur y'-shu-a-ti
L'-cha na-el l'-sha-bay-ach
Ti-kon bayt t'-fi-la-ti
V'sham to-da n'-za-bay-ach
L'-ayt ta-chin mat'bay'ach
Mi-tzar ham-na-bay-ach
Az eg-mor b'-shir miz-mor
Cha-nu-kat ha-miz-bay-ach
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Cha-nu-kat ha-miz-bay-ach

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise thy saving power
Thou, amidst our raging foe
Wast our sheltering tower
Furious they assailed us,
But thine arm availed us
And thy word, broke their sword
When our own strength failed us
And thy word, broke their sword
When our own strength failed us

Benediction and Charge

All: May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this Interfaith Community

Reader: May we continue to hold on to what is good
and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

All: May God's spirit and peace be with us each now and forever.

Reader: May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace. Amen.

Blessing over Snack

Baruch atah adonai elohaynu melech ha-olam
Hamotzi le-chem min ha-aretz.

(Blessed art thou o Lord, ruler of the universe, who has brought forth the fruit of the earth)

God is great, God is good, let us thank God for our food.

Song -- "S'vivon"

S'vivon, sov, sov, sov (*dreidel spin, spin, spin*)
Chanukah hu chag tov (*Chanukah, a good holiday*)

Chanukah hu chag tov
S'vivon, sov, sov, sov

Chag sim-cha hu la-am (*It's a holiday of joy because*)
Nes gadol ha ya-sham (*a great miracle happened there*)
Nes gadol ha ya-sham
Chag sim-cha hu la-am