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Chanukah Celebrations

People are invited to join members of the Jewish community to celebrate Chanukah on Saturday 4 December, at a Menorah lighting ceremony in Mell Square from 6:30pm.

The three-metre Menorah, a nine-stemmed candelabrum, has been specially designed for the annual celebration of the Jewish festival of lights, and can be seen above Barratts, opposite Marks and Spencer.

The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Ian Courts, and local Rabbi Yehuda Pink, Leader of the Solihull Jewish Community, will light the Menorah which will be accompanied by traditional songs performed by Cantor Naphtali Tiefenbrun of London. Free hot traditional potato latkes and doughnuts will be handed round after the ceremony.

This event has been organised by the Solihull Partnership to help mark the celebration of Chanukah as part of its Solihull Faiths' Festival Programme. Chanukah lasts for eight days. The candles on the Menorah are lit each day marking the universal message of the power of light over darkness, freedom over oppression and tolerance over tyranny.

Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Ian Courts, says: "I look forward to welcoming people to celebrate Chanukah at Mell Square this year. The lighting of the Menorah will provide the opportunity for everyone to experience part of the Jewish community's rich culture and tradition, and celebrate the contribution they make to the borough. I would like to wish everyone a very happy Chanukah."

Rabbi Yehuda Pink, leader of Solihull Hebrew Congregation based in Olton, says: "Chanukah in Mell Square is going to be a fantastic event! It will be a great

opportunity for the whole family to join in the fun and celebrations, and we look forward to seeing you there.”

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