

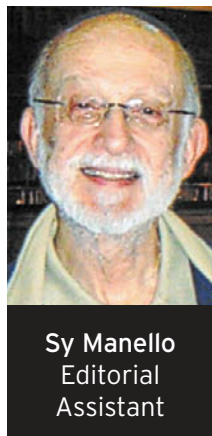


It's Not Just The Hokey Pokey

Ever since Shakespeare, when Brutus in *Julius Caesar* asked for the Romans' attention, we have had the request to "lend an ear." This may lead to you getting an earful or having what is said go in one ear and out the other. Ah, well...

Those seeking your help may ask you to lend a hand or to show your appreciation by giving someone a "hand."

If you are not fully behind an idea or project, you may find yourself giving lip service. However, if it involves someone you would truly like to support, you may offer to give a leg up.



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In sports, the coach may request that the team give him a knee; this means he wants an information huddle.

Have you ever been asked to throw an eye? Your attention is needed. Then again, if you see someone you are attracted to, you may work to catch his/her eye.

If you get too involved in what someone is doing, you may be asked to keep your nose out of their business. This request may result in you giving someone the cold shoulder.

If there is real work to be done, the demand may be to put your back into it. However, do not be so zealous as to throw your back out.

If all this physicality seems too much for you, don't lose your head or try to escape by thumbing your way. And never get stuck footing the bill. □



A huge crowd turned out for the annual Menorah in the D celebration.

Menorah In The D Draws A Crowd

About 2,000 people traveled to Downtown Detroit this year for the Menorah in the D celebration held at Campus Martius on Wednesday, Dec. 4, the eighth night of Chanukah.

Menorah in the D was developed and hosted by The Shul of West Bloomfield, a Chabad Lubavitch Community Center, in partnership with Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's NEXTGen Detroit division.

Attendees celebrated the official menorah lighting ceremony and free community Chanukah party. In addition to the traditional lighting of the Menorah, attendees enjoyed light food and refreshments and a live performance by the 8th Day Band.

Rabbi Kasriel Shemtov said the overlapping holidays of Chanukah and Thanksgiving were fitting, considering how much there is to be thankful for not only among the Metro Detroit Jewish community — but also for things in Detroit.

"The very idea that we had a public right to express both the message of thanksgiving and the freedom of religion is something amazing," Shemtov said. "[Thanksgiving and Chanukah] are both beautiful customs."

The menorah was created by brothers Erik Nordin and Israel Nordin of Detroit Design Center in Corktown. Plans are for this Chabad menorah to be erected each year in Campus Martius/Cadillac Square for the Chanukah holiday.

Other sponsors of this year's event include Quicken Loans, CommunityNEXT, Whole Foods, the *Detroit Jewish News*, Honigman, Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill, PJ Library, Pegasus Entertainment, Printwand, PublicCity PR, Chef Cari Kosher Catering and Aidenbaum Schloff and Bloom PLLC.

"It was an amazing event again this year. There was a lot of excitement Downtown, with very spirited crowds," Shemtov said. "This year, again, did not disappoint." □

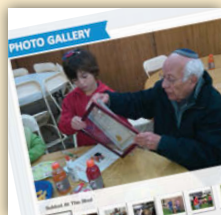
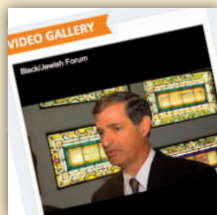


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Shabbat Lights

Shabbat: Friday, Dec. 13, 4:42 p.m.
Shabbat Ends: Saturday, Dec. 14, 5:48 p.m.

Shabbat: Friday, Dec. 20, 4:44 p.m.
Shabbat Ends: Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:51 p.m.

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