



RABBI ZALMAN MENDELSON
Director

Dear Friend,

I hope this Menorah gift finds you and your family in good health and spirit.

Since the horrific Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, there has been a massive increase in anti-Jewish and anti-Israel hatred worldwide. I am hopeful that our Wyoming community will respond with a simple act of love.

In 1993, Billings, MT was rocked by a year of racism and ethnic hatred. White supremacists moved in, spewing hate mail, death threats and vandalism against Native Americans, African Americans and Jews. Anti-Jewish hate flyers appeared and the Jewish cemetery was vandalized.

On Dec. 2 of that year, a brick was thrown through the bedroom window of a 5-year-old Jewish boy, Isaac Schnitzer, who was displaying a Menorah for the Holiday of Chanukah.

Horrified, the town responded. The Billings Gazette printed a full-page menorah, which thousands of citizens pasted in their own windows in a show of solidarity. The story inspired books, articles, and the 1995 documentary "Not In Our Town".

As the Jewish community in Wyoming celebrates Chanukah 2023 (evening of December 7 - 15), I ask you to stand with our community during our time of challenge. Please light your Menorah gift and display it in your window. Snap a photo and share it with your friends on social media with our campaign hashtag #WYStandsWithJews and #WYStandsWithIsrael.

To learn more about Chanukah, how to light your Menorah, holiday recipes, local Chanukah events and to make a contribution, visit JewishWyoming.com/Chanukah2023.

Thank you for your support. Am Yisrael Chai.


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