

Hanukkah happenings throughout the Valley

Eight days of a holiday allows for a variety of celebration options, from building a menorah to lighting one, as well as opportunities for mitzvah projects and even a Jewish Heritage Night hockey game hosted by the Arizona Coyotes. Here are some snapshots from this year's Hanukkah events.



Rabbi Shelly Moss, right, leads religious school students in lighting the Havdalah candle Dec. 18 at a Parenthood Hanukkah party at Temple Beth Shalom in Sun City.

Photo courtesy of Marsha Gratz



Dror Halilyan lights the menorah at Chabad of Arizona's Grand Menorah Lighting at Wesley Bolin Memorial Park in downtown Phoenix on Dec. 27. The lighting was followed by a car menorah parade to Chabad of Phoenix where participants gathered for a Hanukkah party.

Photo by Hershl Weberman



Cantor Ross Wolman leads the Kol Chai Youth Choir in song at Temple Chai's Hanukkah Shabbat service on Dec. 30.

Photo by Joel Zolondek



Members of Beth El Congregation make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for a homeless shelter at its Hanukkah Mitzvah Day and Celebration on Dec. 25. The event also included Hanukkah activities and Chinese food.

Photo by Leisah Woldoff



A Hanukkah party at the Fireside at Desert Ridge clubhouse was hosted by Asher Cohen for residents of the Fireside community on Dec. 28. Lighting the menorah in the center is Rabbi Mendy Deitsch of Chabad of North Phoenix. Asher Cohen is standing next to him. PJ Library provided activities for children.

Photo courtesy of Asher Cohen