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## Brightness Lifts Up the Spirit!

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Dear Canadian Jewish Missions Partner,  
Shalom in Messiah Jesus!

### Reasons for the Season

This is one of my favourite times of the year. Of course, the main reasons are the celebration of Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, and Christmas, when we remember the birth of God's Son into the world.

One thing these two events have in common is the abundance of lights! In fact, Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights because it remembers how the Temple menorah was lit after the Jewish



people recovered it from the Syrian invaders.

During Hanukkah, Jewish families all over the world will be lighting one additional candle every night for eight nights. They will retell the story of the oil that miraculously lasted eight days until more oil was secured.

Similarly, it has become more and more customary to display all kinds of lights during Christmas. Unfortunately, most of them represent the secular symbols of Christmas rather than the real Reason for the season. In our neighbourhood, Marta and I occasionally spot a light display that reflects the birth of Jesus the Messiah.



On our own front yard, we display an old set of lights that reference Messiah's birth – to make sure our neighbours know we're celebrating God With Us, Immanuel, the first coming of Yeshua the Messiah!

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## Physical Light / Spiritual Light

Days are shorter at this time of the year. In our area, it is dark by about 4:30 in the evening. By the time I leave our Toronto office for home, it's already night. That's where the lights of Christmas come in. They make driving around the city in December a little easier and more enjoyable.

I don't know about you, but darkness can get me down. Studies show that longer winter nights affect our emotions and state of mind. That's why we turn lights on at home not only when the sun goes down, but also if the days are gloomy in winter. The brightness lifts up the spirit!

**This is especially true in our spiritual life. The coming of Jesus into the world has always been associated with light.**



Isaiah prophesied it in chapter 9:2, "The people walking in darkness have seen a **great light**; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness."

At Jesus' birth the shepherds saw "**the glory of the Lord shone around them**" (Luke 2:9).

When Yeshua was presented at the temple in Jerusalem, Simeon prophesied Messiah's ministry as "**a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory to Your people Israel**" (Luke 2:32).

Matthew tells us of the wise men from the east who "**saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. . . And there it was – the star they had seen in the east! It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was**" (Matthew 2:2, 9).

And, of course, Jesus Himself declared openly and categorically: "**I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life**" (John 8:12).

It is the prayer of all of us at Chosen People Ministries that the brightness of Jesus will lift up your spirit during this season.

**May His light shine brightly in you and through you during this Hanukkah, Christmas and throughout the New Year!**

With best wishes to you and yours, and in Messiah's light,

Jorge Sedaca  
Executive Director



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