

Chanukah 5779 / December 2018



To All Communities:

Dear All,

Please forward this email to your Rabbi(s), Youth Professionals and Community Members.

Some Chanukah safety tips for Shul and in the home.

- ✓ Always take care when lighting Chanukah lights
- ✓ Always place your Chanukia away from curtains or other combustible items
- ✓ Always make sure your Chanukia is standing on a firm base
- ✓ Always ensure candles, wicks or oil containers are firmly seated in place

- ✗ Never leave a Chanukia unattended
- ✗ Never leave young children unsupervised in the same room as a lit Chanukia or with matches
- ✗ Never walk around with lighted matches, candles or tapers

Take special care of the suitability and safety of Chanukiot made specifically for arts, crafts and decorative purposes.

Be especially careful if using glass oil holders as these become very hot and may crack and tip over.

If candles or containers fall over, smother the flame immediately with a damp cloth.

Don't play with Fire!

Have a Happy (& Safe) Chanukah.

Regards,

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Further reading:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/candles/>

<https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/warning-over-fires-caused-by-CHANUKAH-candles-1.450521>

<https://www.misaskim.org/images/db/8489-10x7KidsChanukahFireSafetyFunPaged.pdf>