



Celebrate Chanukah and More in Philadelphia with Menorah Lightings and Live Entertainment

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One of the largest menorahs in the world lives on Philadelphia's Independence Mall.

(Photo courtesy Independence Visitor Center)

Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, began at sundown on Sunday, December 6. Restaurants, museums and parks all over Philadelphia will be celebrating this eight-day holiday in a variety of fun ways.

For even more Chanukah celebrations, check out the Jewish Exponent for religious and community celebrations throughout the holiday.

Grab your gelt, spin your dreidel, light the menorah and check out these Chanukah events and non-Christmas events around town.

Moo Shu Jew Show

While celebrants across the country gather on December 24 to deck the halls, going out to the movies and a Chinese meal has become a veritable Christmas tradition for Jewish revelers. Building off of that idea, comedian Cory Kahaney created The Moo Shu Jew Show. For eight years now, this holiday event has given audiences a live alternative to

Hollywood blockbusters and long waits for dim sum. Tickets cost \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door.

When: Thursday, December 24, 6 p.m.

Where: Ocean Harbor Restaurant, 1023 Race Street

Rittenhouse Square Menorah Lighting

As dusk settles over Rittenhouse Square, prayers will be sung and the candles will be lit on one of the city's largest menorahs.

When: Sunday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Rittenhouse Square, 18th and Walnut streets

Cocktails & Candle Lighting at NMAJH

Join the Young Friends of the National Museum of American Jewish History for a festive affair to celebrate Chanukah with complimentary drinks, behind-the-scenes gallery tours and, of course, a lighting of the menorah.

When: Thursday, December 10, 7-10 p.m.

Where: National Museum of American Jewish History, 101 S. Independence Mall East



The National Museum of American Jewish History invites guests in for multiple Chanukah celebrations in 2015. (Photo by G. Widman for Visit Philadelphia)

More Chanukah celebrations, below.

Being [] at Christmas

The annual Being [] at Christmas event is perfect for anyone who looking for a little family-friendly and non-denominational fun on Christmas Day. Local businesses and entertainers will be in attendance to keep families amused all day with live music, crafts, comedy and more.

When: Friday, December 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: National Museum of American Jewish History, 101 S. Independence Mall East

Philadelphia Museum of Art Chanukah Party

The museum's weekly Art after 5 soiree celebrates Chanukah with Yiddish and klezmer music from the Shining Stars Orchestra. The event is co-presented in partnership with Temple University's Feinstein Center for American Jewish History.

When: Friday, December 11, 5-8:45 p.m.

Where: Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Independence Mall Menorah

Stop by to see the larger-than-life, 40-foot high menorah on Independence Mall.

When: Friday, December 11, 5-8:45 p.m.

Where: Independence Mall, 5th and Market streets

Chanukah Doughnuts at Federal Donuts

Federal Donuts brings back its holiday-specific donuts this year with honey-dipped mini donuts with raspberry jam. The little treats are available via pre-order only (20 minis for \$15), with pickup at the 1632 Sansom Street or 701 N. Seventh Street stores.

When: Through Sunday, December 13

Where: Federal Donuts locations at 1632 Sansom Street and 701 N. Seventh Street



This holiday season brings an abundance of Hanukkah celebrations in Philadelphia, including the annual lighting of the menorah in Rittenhouse Square. (Photo courtesy the Friends of Rittenhouse Square)