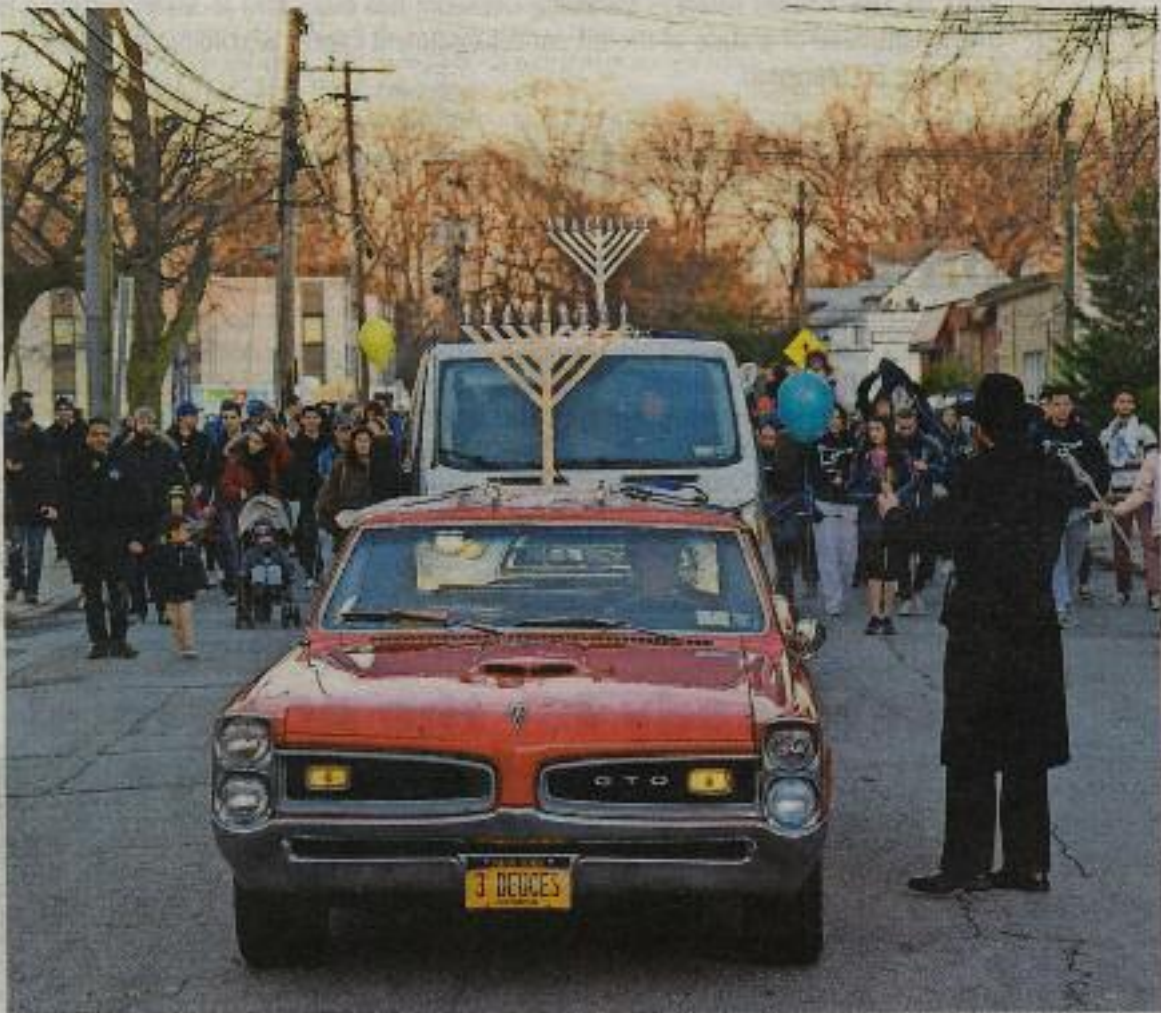


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A 'Grand' Bellmore-Merrick Hanukkah

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creative spins on Hanukkah



CHABAD OF MERRICK-BELLINGHAME

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life in Merrick is the setting for the Hanukkah Experience, which includes a latke fry-off to select the best potato pancake.

The Hanukkah Experience

WHEN | WHERE 3 p.m. Sunday at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2174 Hewlett Ave., Merrick

INFO 516-833-3057, ext. 104, chabadjewishlife.org

ADMISSION Free

At this crafts event, kids decorate sufganiyot — jelly doughnuts — a traditional Israeli Hanukkah treat. Adults participate in the annual latke fry-off, tasting and voting for the best-tasting homemade potato pancakes. Around 4 p.m., take a short walk to the nearby Long Island Rail Road station gazebo, where kids sing Hanukkah songs, a fire juggler performs and the public menorah is lit.

Chabad in Merrick brings light

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Hundreds marched down Merrick Avenue in the tenth annual Great Menorah parade on Sunday, Dec. 25.

The three-part Chabad Center for Jewish Life event began with a potato latke fry-off, during which Willi Miller, Carol Siegel and Ehan from the Israel Lacrosse team competed, with Siegel getting the most votes. Simultaneously, children decorated sufganiyot and dreidels and participated in a trivia game.

Next, participants gathered outside to march in the Menorah Car Parade to the 12-foot menorah at the Merrick train station, led by a menorah-topped 1966 Pontiac GTO and trailed by a group of "dancing Rabbis." Along the way, marchers were greeted by "Judah the Maccabee" who handed out glow-in-the-dark gifts and

joined in spontaneous dancing. Dreidelman greeted participants at the LIRR.

Steve Bach from Merrick was honored with lighting the giant menorah.

"From Chanukah, we learn that if one is in a room that is filled with darkness, it takes only a small flame to illuminate it," said Chabad Rabbi Shimon Kramer.

"When we're done celebrating here tonight, go home and light the menorah with your family. Bring light to your home, and then to your street."

"If you know a Jewish home that is dark on Chanukah, go visit them, bring a menorah, candles, some latkes, a dreidel, and bring light into their lives. Become a lamplighter."

Festivities ended with a fire juggling show.

The Jewish Star photos by Doreen Garbood

6 Hanukkah experience

The eight-day festival of lights is celebrated at the Chabad of Merrick next Sunday with the Great Menorah Parade at 4:15 p.m. followed by a menorah lighting at the Merrick LIRR station.

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Merrick Hanukkah celebration features latke fry-off, songs



Kids are dressed as dreidels to perform during "The Chanukah Experience" hosted by the Chabad of Merrick Bellmore-Wantagh December 20, 2016 7:10 PM

More than 100 people celebrated the Festival of Lights, with children painting dreidels, making sand art menorahs and icing doughnuts as their parents snapped pictures. Chanie Kramer, who helps run the Chabad center alongside her husband, Rabbi Shimon Kramer, said it's important for families to come together for Hanukkah to teach.

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Dancing in the street to celebrate Hanukkah



December 27, 2016 8:56 AM

On Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016, the second night of Hanukkah, the Chabad of Merrick-Bellmore-Wantagh hosted its 10th annual menorah parade and lighting at the Maimonides Educational Center in Merrick. There was a latke-making competition, a menorah riding atop a red 1988 Pontiac GTO and a preschoolers' rendition of "I'm a Little Latke" — to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot." (Credit: Jeff Bechner)



Harper Lieberman, 5, left, and sister Myla, 2, at yesterday's Hanukkah celebration. Video, photos: newsday.com/merrick

Hanukkah & heritage

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The second night of Hanukkah kicked off in Merrick yesterday afternoon with a latke-making competition, a menorah perched on top of a classic red Pontiac GTO and a preschoolers' rendition of "I'm a Little Latke" — to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot."

The Chabad of Merrick-Bellmore-Wantagh hosted its 10th annual menorah parade and candle lighting at the Maimonides Educational Center in Merrick.

More than 100 people celebrated the festival of lights, with children painting dreidels, making sand art menorahs and icing doughnuts as their parents snapped pictures.

Chanie Kramer, who helps run the Chabad center alongside her husband, Rabbi Shimon Kramer, said it's important for families to come together for Hanukkah to teach children about the holiday and make them "feel proud of their heritage."

Bonnie Alvo-Korman, 48, of Seaford, brought her daughter, 9-year-old Haleigh Korman, to the event. Most of Haleigh's classmates are not Jewish, her mother said.

"She wants what they have and what they're

doing," Alvo-Korman said. "I'm trying to teach her our customs and our ways."

Westbury resident Barry Rosen, 70, was wearing a blue menorah sweater — purchased by his wife at the Broadway Mall — as he entertained his four grandchildren amid the latke competition.

"We decided that since you could have an ugly Christmas sweater, you can have an ugly Hanukkah sweater," Rosen said with a laugh.

Merrick residents Carol Siegel, 55, and her daughter, Jodie, 22, won the latke contest using Carol's grandmother's recipe. Her secret? Sprinkling salt on top of the latkes while they're cooking in the frying pan.

"If you over-salt the batter, it's not good," Carol said. "It's all cooked with love."

One of the other competitors, Willi Miller, 72, of Merrick, also learned her latke recipe from her grandmother. When she was asked to provide a recipe, "I said, 'I don't have a recipe.' And I've been doing this probably 65 years."

As the families around her devoured her potato pancakes, Miller, wearing a gray and yellow apron, said the trick is "practice, lots of practice. I think I could do it in my sleep."

JEFF BECHNER

NEWSDAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2016

Chabad of Merrick-Bellmore The Chanuka Experience

On Sunday, Dec. 25, in honor of the Holiday of Chanukah, the lucky families of Merrick, Bellmore & Wantagh are invited to join in a Potato Latke Cook Off, Children's Chanukah Performance and Fire Juggling Show in addition to the 10th Annual Great Menorah Parade and experiencing the beautiful lighting of the 12 foot Menorah at the Merrick LIRR. The event will begin at 3 pm with a Latke cook off for adults and simultaneous entertainment and activities for children. The annual Menorah Car Parade will begin at 4:15 pm at the Chabad Center at 2174 Hewlett Ave and culminates with

the kindling of a grand 12-ft. Menorah at the Merrick LIRR, near the gazebo. There will then be a special Chanukah performance by the Jewish ELC children, and experience a live fire performance! The lighting will be complete with live music & dancing rabbis, hot latkes, jelly donuts, and treats. Dignitaries and community leaders will attend the ceremony as well. There is no charge and all are welcome! For more information on either event, contact Chanie or Adina at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life at (516) 833-3057 or log on to: www.ChabadJewishLife.org.

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WHAT'S UP NEXT DOOR AND AROUND THE CORNER

HERALD NEIGHBORS



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DOZENS JOINED A Pontiac GTO, which led the procession in the Bellmore-Merrick Chabad's 10th annual Great Menorah Parade on Dec. 25.



A 10-FOOT MENORAH was lit at the conclusion of Sunday's Hanukkah parade.

A 'Grand' Bellmore-Merrick Hanukkah

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life of Bellmore-Merrick put on a spectacle worthy of the second day of Hanukkah on Dec. 25 with a car parade through the streets of both towns that culminated in a grand menorah kindling at the Long Island Railroad station in Merrick.

"It is a holiday that enriches our lives with the light of tradition," said Rabbi Shimon Kramer, Director of Chabad Center for Jewish Life. "In ancient times our ancestors rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem with the Menorah. This year, through the Hanukkah Experience, we hope to rededicate ourselves to making this world a better and brighter place, as we enjoy Hanukkah activities and parade through the streets

of Merrick sharing the light and joy of Hanukkah!"

As part of the Hanukkah outreach campaign, Chabad Center for Jewish Life joins thousands of Chabad Centers across the globe that stage similar public displays of the Menorah and its symbolic lights. From Australia to Africa, Columbia to Hong Kong, New York City's Ground Zero to the White House Lawn, hundreds of thousands experienced the joy of Hanukkah with Chabad.

Herald photographer Donovan Berthoud was on-hand to capture some of the festivities.

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