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Community Menorah Lighting

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Westfield – Mayor Michael McCabe, together with the congregation Ahavas Achim, and with the help of Westfield on Weekends, invite community members of all faiths and traditions to an evening of “Latkes and Lights.” The festivities will begin at Park Square on Sunday, December 10th at 6:30 PM on the fourth night of Chanukah; the Festival of Lights. Rabbi Shahar Colt will lead attendees in prayer and song, and light the candle of the community menorah.

After the ceremony, attendees are welcome to share in a feast of latkes at First United Methodist Church, 16 Court Street. Latkes are a traditional dish of fried potato pancake. Fried food is eaten during Chanukah in commemoration of the oil that miraculously burned for eight days when the Maccabees purified and rededicated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

The menorah will be lit each evening of Chanukah, which begins at sundown on Thursday, December 7, and continues through to nightfall of December 15. Any residents who wish to volunteer to light the evening’s candle on the community menorah on any day of the holiday may call the mayor’s office at 413-572-6201 for a schedule.