Angular menorah helps to mark/Chanukah

Mine "candies" shone from Congregation Bais Chabad's angular menorah Friday night, cultinoiath the Jewish tolday of Chamkah.

The angular menorah — they light to the Shall to

The tyrannical king had defiled the Temple's sanctuary, including its seven-branched, solid-gold menorah,

seven-brancaes, somegois mesoran, Antilochus, not only ordered the Lows to renounce their faith, cus-toms and Sabbath, but renamed the temple "Zews Olympius" and had Greek idols placed inside. He be-came a champion of hellenization, then at its peak.

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"THE FESTIVAL reminds Jews that by lighting Antioches' tyranny, the Maccabees maintained the identity and religious freedom of the Jewish people," according to Jewish people," according to Jewish Community Council.

Tradition tells how Judah Maccabee, after victory, could find only a single cruse of oil that hadn't been contaminated by the enemy.

Although the cruse contained only enough oil to relight the Eternal Light, which burns above the Art of the Covenant, for one day, a miracle happened. It burned for eight days, the amount of time needed to prepare new oil to burn in the Temple.

"The menoral reflects the need to express light to the outside — to share one's inspiration with others," said Rabbi Chaim Bergstein, spiritinal leader of the 13-family Congregation Bais Chabad.
"To do so," he added, 'one has to be rooted — part of a community. From that unity is spread the light of

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the community. In our unity, we express our ideas and principles to others."

Since the Maccabean victory, brighty colored candles have been lit in Jewish homes in all parts of the world to commemorate the relighting of the Eternal Light. A ninobranch memorah is used in celebration of the miracle that lasted eight days. The ninh, or master candle, is used to light the others.

BECAUSE THEY represent a thanksgiving to be shared with others, menorahs often are placed on windowsills in Jewish homes. One candle is lit the first night, two the second, and so on, until eight are kindled the last night.

died the last night.

Gilfa often are exchanged at candic-lighting. Crisp potato pancakes, called latkes, are part of the bollday meal. And singing and diacting often complement the celebration.

It's customary to play with a small top — a dreidel — inscribed with Hebrew letters that stand for words that mean, "A great miracle happened there."

Special prayers of praise and the candic-lighting.

For 1,900 years, the menorah in the Temple was thought to have had soft curved arms, Bergstein said.

But the artist who drew the Temple's menorah and Ark of the Covenant on the Arch of Titus in Rome in beyear? OAD must have imagined a candelabra with curved branches. It wann't based on an eye-witness account.

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had angular arms.

WHETHER THE arms actually were angular was not proven until recent archeological excavations that uncovered tombationes that showed menorahs from the time of the Temple. "And those menorahs had angular arms," Bergstein said.

Explaining myh ee commissioned the angular menorah, Bergstein said.
"We wanted to make it known the traditional menorah is different than what it was thought to be for 1,900 years. People who are acholars probably know this already. But we wanted to poblicine this to others."

Congregation Bais Chabat's & footbilgh menorah was crafted drawn of Ferndale wired it. He predicts are similar to the one descerated in the Temple.



The angular menorah, in front of Congregation Bale Chabad of Farmington Hills.

It usually falls in late November or during December, but Chanukah is not the Jewish Christmas. Christmas is a Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Christian messiah. Chanukah is a festival observed only by Jewish families.

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Teer, a 1961 graduate of the Chi-cago College of Osteopathic Medi-cine, has been on the professional staff at Botsford since 1965.

He graduated from Wayne State University's School of Pharmacy in 1953 and immediately went into the U.S. Army. Today, Teer is a full colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corps Reserves.

Following his discharge from active duty, Teer joined Parke, Daviz & Co. as a detail man. In 1957, he entered Chicago College.

Married and the father of three children, Teer is in general practice.





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