



BILL GRAHAM MENORAH PROJECT

Lighting it up since 1975!



2025 is the 50th anniversary of a local miracle that happened in 1975 when San Francisco Jewish community leaders joined together to create the first big public menorah lighting and celebration of Chanukah outside of Israel. This was energized with the support of Bill Graham, the world-famous concert promoter and mensch. A Holocaust survivor, Bill had his company build an giant amazing 22-foot mahogany Menorah.

The Bill Graham "Mama Menorah" set the stage for large menorahs now lit annually in over 15,000 large and small cities worldwide. This new modern tradition, inspired by Chabad-Lubavitch's Rabbe Menachem Schneerson, has grown to be a global phenomenon with large public menorah lightings in major city centers, including Washington DC, New York City, London, Paris, Rome, Berlin, Moscow, Kyiv, Delhi, Dubai, Manila, Hong Kong and more.

Chanukah, presented by Chabad SFs Bill Graham Menorah Project, is one of the biggest events in SFs famous Union Square Park. Upbeat and joyful, it is an opportunity to spread the light of Chanukah throughout the bay area and the world.

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