



# Hundreds attend public Chanukah celebration in Parque Hidalgo

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When you think of Puerto Vallarta, beaches, sun, and sand are most likely to come to mind.

One thing that doesn't often come to mind in this city is, "hey where can I find the Jewish community, I want to celebrate my heritage?"

It wasn't hard to find the Jewish community this past Sunday.



When religious perseverance was necessary in order to allow their customs and traditions to continue, a small band fought the mighty Greek army, and were victorious.

When they returned to the holy temple to kindle the menorah, they found only one small jar of oil that was enough for one day but, miraculously, it lasted for 8 days.

Over 400 people enjoyed a spectacular Chanukah celebration right in the heart of Puerto Vallarta, in Hidalgo park.

The evening included live Jewish music, glow in the dark circus entertainment, kindling of a giant 20 ft. Menorah and a fantastic fireworks display to top off the "holiday of light" celebration.

It was a Chanukah event to remember.

And it sure brought lots of light, love and Joy to Puerto Vallarta and its many inhabitants.

To learn more about the Jewish community and Chanukah events around the bay, please visit [www.chabadvallarta.com](http://www.chabadvallarta.com) or contact Rabbi Hecht [Rabbi@chabadvallarta.com](mailto:Rabbi@chabadvallarta.com)

**About Chanukah**

Chanukah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greek army.



In turn, every year Jewish people celebrate and kindle menorahs for 8 days.

This year Chanukah began on the eve of December 22 and ends on December 30.

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