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Brussels 08.12.2023 Amid war on terrorism the IDF is conducting in Gaza, the European leaders demonstrate firmly their solidarity with the people of Israel, and the European Jews not only by a political support, but also by respect of the Jewish millennia long beautiful tradition of lightening candles on Hanukkah festival. On Sunday, December 10, the president of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen will lighten a menorah at Schuman square next to the EU institutions buildings. The symbolism of the gesture has an additional meaning in the atmosphere of antisemitic incidents, which are soaring in countries across Europe.



Commissioner Ylva Johansson, whose brief includes security and immigration, said the European Commission will provide an

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen spoke two years ago at the EuroChanukah event. Picture from Eu Commission.

The theme of this year EuroChannukah lighting is

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Thank you very much, dear Nehama, for your warm words,

Rabbi Tawil,

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear friends,

And I want to give a very special welcome to the students of the Ben-Gurion University.

There is a beautiful saying, and many of you know it: 'The darkness of the whole world cannot swallow the glowing of a candle.'

Thank you so much for inviting me again, indeed, to this celebration. Chanukah is of course an ancient Jewish tradition. But I believe it speaks to all human beings. This Festival of Lights tells us to keep hoping even in the darkest of times; to keep working for a better future, even when the circumstances seem desperate. It tells us that a small action can make a big difference.

It is a powerful and empowering message. And for me, personally, the lighting of these candles has become a moment of reflection. A moment to take a deep breath and to look for glimmers of hope in the night. This

