



LUNCHTIME WEBINAR

The Faith and Culture Network is hosting a series of lunchtime webinars. These sessions are designed to raise awareness and share knowledge on how we can better support faith and culture within the Developmental Services sector.

HANUKKAH

DECEMBER 2ND 2025 - 12:00 - 1:00PM

This engaging session on Hanukkah will help participants deepen their understanding of the holiday's meaning, traditions, and relevance when supporting individuals in the developmental sector.

You will learn about:

Why this Matters

- Understanding Hanukkah supports culturally responsive, person-centred care. It allows staff to respect and honor the identities of the people they support while building inclusive environments where everyone feels recognized and valued.

History and Importance

- Explore the origins of Hanukkah. Understanding this context helps us support individuals who celebrate in ways that feel authentic to them.

Customs and Traditions

- Learn about common Hanukkah practices, such as lighting the menorah, enjoying traditional foods, gift-giving, singing, and spending time with family and community.

Inclusive and Spiritual Insights

- Learn how to embrace diverse cultural and spiritual expressions by promoting choice, autonomy, and dignity.

Inclusive and Spiritual Insights

- Inclusion goes beyond awareness, it involves embracing diverse expressions of culture and spirituality to provide space for spiritual exploration, encourage personal choice and autonomy, and recognize that cultural identity is an essential part of the whole person.

Presented By:

Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn



Sandy Toben

has been a long-time staff member of the Learning and Development Team at Reena. She currently holds the position of Learning and Development Specialist, where she has played an integral role in developing Reena's Judaic training programs as well as

Medication and Pharmacology courses. We're excited to welcome Sandy Toben as she shares insights into Chanukah traditions, customs, and programming.



is a spiritual leader of Chabad of Centrepointe and Director of Public Affairs for the Canadian Federation of Chabad Lubavitch, representing over 100 Jewish schools, camps and community centres across Canada. He previously served as a reserve chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces, the first Jewish chaplain since WWII and hosts a weekly radio on CKCU FM.

Rabbi Mendelsohn has been part of the Tamir family for many years, serving on our Board, celebrating every Jewish holiday with us and bringing our traditions to life with warmth and joy for the individuals we support.

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