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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MARK CHANUKAH

Friends this has been a truly momentous year for Britain's Jewish community. This year we have celebrated together as Israel reached its 60th birthday and as so many community charities and organisations increased their inspirational work to make Britain a better place.

So during these days of Chanukah I hope you find time to reflect on the symbol of the Menorah placed at the window - a reminder of how a small flame can light up a dark night, and how in bringing light into our own homes we give light to all those around us.

As you gather to light the Menorah in homes and synagogues across our country, know that our thoughts are with you as you retell and draw strength from this remarkable story of resilience and bravery.

Please do pass on my very best wishes for a happy Chanukah to your friends, family and members of your community.

Gordon Brown