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I am delighted to send my best wishes to the Jewish community in Britain and around the world to mark the celebration of Chanukah. The miracle of lights teaches us the importance of courage, faith and hope. It is an inspiration to all of us in Britain today.

The significance of family and community, the values of hope and loyalty, and the importance of courage and commitment are shared by the many different cultures and faiths across our country.

As the Menorah candles once again flicker, introducing warmth and light into synagogues and homes across Britain, they remind us of the festival's remarkable story of spirit and heroism and the importance of religious freedom. Chanukah means 'dedication', but it also means 'to educate'. Part of Chanukah's gift is to help each of us better understand the meaning of faith.

It gives me great pleasure to wish you all a very happy Chanukah.

Gordon Brown