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## CELEBRATE CHANUKAH TRADITIONS AT THE GARDEN

**WHAT:** “Chanukah: Festival of Lights”  
**WHEN:** Sunday, Dec. 2 from noon to 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., south St. Louis  
**COST:** Included with Garden admission (\$2-\$8) or membership. Children 12 and under free.  
**INFO:** Recorded general info (314) 577-9400, 1-800-642-8842 toll free; [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org)

(ST. LOUIS): Visit the Missouri Botanical Garden on Sunday, Dec. 2 to experience the traditions of “Chanukah: Festival of Lights.” Storytelling, song and dance, and a ceremonial menorah-lighting will mark the annual Jewish holiday.

Festivities begin at noon with the symbolic lighting of one of eight candles on a menorah, which represents the first of eight evenings that the miraculous oil jar burned in the temple. Student performances will immediately follow by the Reform Jewish Academy School Makhela and Nitzanim dancers, the Solomon Schechter Day School Makhela and dancers, and the Epstein Hebrew Academy chorus. The St. Louis Jewish Women’s Choir, Circle of Jewish Music group, and Hora Gil Israeli Folk Dancing Troupe will also entertain.

At 2 p.m., listen to traditional Jewish and Chanukah music performed by the female quartet Shir Ami (Songs of My People). At 3 p.m., the group HaShemesh (The Sun) will sing and play contemporary Israeli folk tunes on the guitar.

Browse a traditional “shuk” (marketplace) or stop by the Garden Gate Shop for Chanukah-themed merchandise.

“Chanukah: Festival of Lights” will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the upper level of the

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Garden's visitors' center. Activities are included with Garden admission (\$8 adults; St. Louis City and County residents, \$4 adults and \$2 seniors age 65 and over). Children age 12 and under and Garden members are free.

For general information, visit the Web site [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or call the recorded line at (314) 577-9400 or toll-free 1-800-642-8842.

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**NOTE: Digital images available upon request. All news releases are available for download as .pdf files at [www.mobot.org/press](http://www.mobot.org/press).**

**The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, just south of Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer-Kingshighway exit.\* Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day (except Christmas Day). Grounds open early at 7 a.m. each Wednesday and Saturday. Admission is \$8; free for members and children 12 and under. St. Louis City and County residents pay discounted admission of \$4 for ages 13 to 64; \$2 seniors 65 and over. Admission is free for St. Louis City and County residents on Wednesdays and Saturdays until noon throughout the year (exception: special admission rate events). Tower Grove House is free. Children's Garden is \$3 for age 12 and under, free for adults. Free parking on site and in two lots at the Shaw-Vandeventer intersection, two blocks west. The Garden is easily accessible via public transportation by taking the MetroLink to the Central West End station and picking up a Metro bus on weekdays. For general Garden information, log on to [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or call the 24-hour Garden Line recording at (314) 577-9400 or 1-800-642-8842. For membership information, call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.**

\*Note: Sections of I-64/U.S. 40 in St. Louis are scheduled to be closed for construction from 2007 through 2009. Please check [www.thenewi64.org](http://www.thenewi64.org) for continuous updates.