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Dear Community Member

As Chanukah begins, I want to acknowledge this important time for our Jewish communities. This year the festival of light comes in the shadow of the horrific terrorist attack in Australia which has further eroded feelings of safety in our Jewish communities in the UK. The pain and loss felt here and around the world is significant and my thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and all those affected.

May this Chanukah bring moments of strength, reflection and may the light it represents remind everyone of our shared commitment to protecting one another and standing against hatred in all its forms.

Our officers will continue to work throughout the holiday season to keep everybody safe. Should you need to report a crime, you can report online via www.metpolice.uk or dial 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency.

I encourage residents to sign up to our new 2-way communication platform **Met Engage** to receive regular updates from your local neighbourhood team.

From all the police family on East Area encompassing Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge boroughs, we wish our Jewish community a Happy Chanukah.

Best wishes



Stuart Bell
Chief Superintendent