

# InLight

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## Interfaith Encounters Around the Festivals of Light

**“There’s a blaze of light  
In every word  
It doesn’t matter which you heard  
The holy or the broken Hallelujah”**  
*Leonard Cohen*

**As we move into winter**, the hours of daylight get shorter. In order to prevent darkness penetrating the human skin and filling the human soul, religious around the world have created “festivals of light.”

**This Year**, Muslims will celebrate the birthday of the Prophet Mohammed; Christians will celebrate Christmas; and Jews will celebrate Hanukkah.

**During December**, DOMIM-aLike invite you to take part in InLight: encounters for discussion, study, and activity between Muslims, Christians, and Jews focusing on the theme of the Festivals of Light. Last year, 14 communities in Israel and six in the United States participated in InLight. We will be delighted if you can help us spread the word and expand the circle of those taking part this year.

## How does it work?

**Contact a Muslim or Christian organization in your area** and suggest that you hold a joint meeting. We suggest that the joint meeting for the two communities be held on December 21 – the shortest day of the year. The meeting includes two parts:

- ❖ **Beit Midrash:** Joint study and discussion for both groups. The discussion is based on texts from the three religions – Judaism, Islam, and Christianity – relating to the themes of light, hope, and peace. This year, we have added one of Leonard Cohen's poems and some ancient texts that touch on similar themes.
- ❖ **Creativity:** preparing lanterns or candles and then lighting them together.

**Before the joint meeting**, we recommend that each of the neighboring communities hold a preparatory meeting. This can include discussion of the participants' concerns and hopes regarding the meeting.

## What do we provide?

- ❖ **A booklet of sources** including texts from the three religions, as well as some poems by Leonard Cohen.
- ❖ **Instructions and examples** for preparing lanterns.



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