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"Rock of Ages, let our song praise Thy saving power." These stirring words of the famous Chanukah song, "Ma-oz Tzur", remind us of the impact which the music of the Festival of Lights has had on our lives. Each of us can recall gathering around the glowing lights of the Chanukah Menorah and singing Chanukah songs with our parents, our bubbes and zaydes, our children and grandchildren. The poignant aroma of Chanukah latkes, the pleasant sound of children spinning the dreidel, and the spirited music of Chanukah melodies provide us with memories of joy which are imbedded in our hearts.

On this Chanukah, all of us will have the opportunity to have a Chanukah musical experience that we will never forget. With the collective efforts of the El Paso Hebrew Day School, Temple Mt. Sinai, The Jewish Federation, and Congregation B'nai Zion, one of the greatest cantors, composers, and entertainers of our day, Sol Zim, will perform at an incredible Chanukah concert. The highlight of this memorable event will be the participation of over one hundred students from the Day School, Temple Mt. Sinai, and Congregation B'nai Zion singing the beautiful, spirited melodies of Sol Zim. With the generosity of several members of our community who are making this event possible, there will be no admission charged. We will, however, encourage attendees to bring a can of food for the hungry during this holiday season and if one is so inclined to make some donation which will be used to support future community, educational endeavors.

Reservations must be made as there is limited seating, by calling the Jewish Community Center at 584-4437 by December 1st. Remember the date, the first evening of Chanukah, December 8th, Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM at Congregation B'nai Zion.

Sol Zim has earned the title "The Superstar of Jewish Music". His melodies have influenced the world of Jewish music, synagogues of all denominations, cantors, Jewish camps, universities, and cantorial schools.

For the first time in the history of our Jewish community we will all gather together as one and proclaim the Miracle of Chanukah to the world. What a beautiful way to celebrate.

Our students are now preparing for the concert with Cantor Sol Zim. They will be part of an all-city choral group together with the students at Temple Mt. Sinai as well as the El Paso Hebrew Day School which is being organized and led by Rabbi Leon.

On this Chanukah this year led by the Inspiring voice of Sol Zim and our children, we can sing with certainly, "Rock of Ages, let our SONG praise Thy saving power."

*Rabbi Stephen A. Leon*