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“We can’t take each other’s pain away, but we can make sure none of us navigates the pain alone. Let us hold each other with love and grace,” said Rabbi Sharon Brous.1

It has been a time of darkness this year with the horrifying attacks on Israel by the terrorist group Hamas. In times like these, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed by darkness and despair, but Hanukkah teaches us that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope. The lighting of the menorah symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, both literally and metaphorically.

And in this time of pain, let us gather, says Rabbi Brous.

“We can gather, again and again in this time of heartache. In the [Talmud](https://ikar.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c3a91ba41847dd15a63a37616&id=e153e33ae3&e=1210c752f6) we learn that in times of sorrow, even when our instinct is to retreat from one another, the most humanizing thing we can do is step closer to each other’s pain,” Rabbi Brous said.1

As we light the menorah this year, let it serve as our reminder that even in the midst of chaos and turmoil, there is always a glimmer of light to hold onto.

So let us take this opportunity to not only celebrate the joyous aspects of Hanukkah but also reflect on its deeper meaning. Let us stand in solidarity with the Jewish community and send out a message of hope and resilience to the world. Wishing you and your loved ones a Hanukkah filled with light and love.

Chag sameach!

Sources:

1 <https://ikar.org/writings/holding-this-impossible-moment/>

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