

## **Large Menorah to Illuminate Hevron From Abu Sneineh**

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Danny Cohen, a resident of Hevron, told Arutz 7 that “a little light banishes a lot of darkness” when asked why he had erected a 12-foot menorah (tradition Chanukah lamp lit each night of the Jewish holiday) atop the Abu-Sneineh hills overlooking the Jewish community in Hevron.

On March 26, 2001, an Arab terrorist made use of a building on the Abu-Sneineh hills as cover as he used a sniper rifle to murder 10-month-old Shalhevet Pass, who was being held in her mother’s arms near the Avraham Avinu neighborhood, which is below the Abu-Sneineh hills.

The building used by the terrorist was demolished and today there is an IDF presence at the site.

Last year, Cohen, who is the Chabad representative in Hevron, requested permission from Col. Dror Weinberg to light a menorah at the site in memory of Shalehevet Pass. Col. Weinberg, the commander of the Judea brigade, gave his authorization and blessing for the idea. Col. Weinberg did not witness the lighting though. He was murdered in a terrorist attack shortly before last Chanukah.

Cohen erected the menorah tonight (Thursday) and intends to light it each night of the Jewish holiday. “Shalhevet (which is Hebrew for ‘flame’) Pass’ had her life snuffed out from this spot and the lighting of the flame of Chanuka is the greatest testimony to her memory,” Cohen told [IsraelNationalNews.com](http://IsraelNationalNews.com).

“Each night, soldiers stationed up here light the menorah and read the blessing over the radio so everyone stationed in the region can look up and see the light of Chanukah”, said Cohen.

Cohen concluded with a blessing for the Jewish people. “Chanukah commemorates the miraculous tendency of the Jewish people to shine forth, through the darkest of circumstances and shine the light of God’s word into the world,” said Cohen. “May the light of our menorah rekindle all the flames that have been snuffed out and banish all the darkness from the Land of Israel and the entire world.”