

A Different Gospel

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Happy Hanukkah

With Sunday's start of Hanukkah, the Santa Maria Salvation Army is saluting the local Jewish community with a large banner outside its church at Miller and Cook Streets. The banner is designed to show loving support for the Jewish faith, explained Captain John Purdell, local commander. He said as those of the Jewish faith celebrate the "Festival of Lights," the Army wants to include them in the joy of the season. Many of the Salvation Army's loving supporters are of the Jewish faith, he added. The Festival of Lights celebrates a miracle in the history of the Israelites at a time they were under bondage of Antiochus the 4th (Epiphanes), head of the Seleucid Empire.

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