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Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
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Dear Councilpersons:

Here we go again with another year of 'Peace on Earth...Good Will to Christian Men'. For years I've seen Christmas decorations in the Central Square area as well as the sign on the City Hall lawn expressing Christmas Greetings to all Cambridge residents. This year you were forcing Christmas down our throats before Thanksgiving. Next year do we get Christmas before Halloween?

Anti-Semites can forget that one of the most festive holidays of the Jewish faith, Chanukah, also occurs between Thanksgiving and New Year's. I have not yet seen you recognize this holiday in this city.

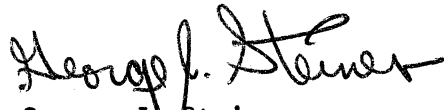
According to the 1982 World Almanac and Book of Facts, the City of Boston has 641,071 people (of them 170,000 are Jewish). The City of Cambridge has a population of 100,361. Assuming the ratios between Jews and non-Jews are the same for the two cities, this means that you are neglecting 26,614 people. This breaks down to 26.51% or more than 1 out of every 4 votes in Cambridge.

I still cannot understand how you can celebrate the 'birth' of a Jew and yet you refuse to recognize the holidays and teachings of this Jewish Man, your Messiah.

It doesn't take much common sense to realize that over 25% of your population is being neglected...just how Christ would want you to live.

I wish to express my sincere wishes to the City Council and the Mayor of Cambridge for a very Happy Chanukah.

Sincerely,


George J. Steiner

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Comm. from George J. Steiner Re: Christmas & Chanakuh celebrations in Cambridge.

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