

MENORAH MADNESS IN GOLDEN BEACH

Party in a mansion!

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Make a date out of clay

You could just hang out at a Chinese restaurant with the rest of your Jewish friends tonight, but wouldn't you rather spend the evening sipping cocktails and chillin' at a superswanky house you could never afford to buy? The Jewish Professionals' Menorah Madness offers all the lonely Jews on Christmas Eve an alternative to eggrolls and clubs. "This is a little more sophisticated," says event organizer Douglas Grant. "House parties are all the rage now." Grant strives to attract a "diverse Jewish crowd" to his events. "The crowd tends to be a little older, like 28 and up." The doors of the Hanukkah House (224 S. Island Drive., Golden Beach(near Aventura) open at 9:00. Admission includes a few latketinis and kosher snacks, as well as valet parking. "You can even come by boat," laughs Grant.

DJ Invasion will be spinning for your dancing delight, and unique entertainment, like body painters, will make you go, What in hell? Event organizers will be accepting donations for the Bush-Clinton Katrina Relief Fund, so bring some extra cash to help out others.

E-mail fresh_events@yahoo.com for tickets and event information. Sat., Dec. 24, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, 305-949-8268. <http://www.casalindamiami.com> Hanukkah House, 224 S. Island Drive, Golden Beach, FL 33160