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The Menorah symbolizes miraculous oil burning for people of the Jewish faith who celebrate Hanukkah every year.

## Holiday season, traditions span the globe

The holiday season means many things to the students of the University and Lane Community College. The variety of holiday celebrations and beliefs is very diverse yet shares a common thread — a base of long-standing tradition.

For University students Ibrahim and Khalid Al-Turki, brothers from Saudi Arabia, the holiday season is an opportunity for them to spend time with their friends and family. "We have winter vacation in December which is like spring break for us," Khalid said. "Usually we go camping in the desert. Many people think that sounds like a strange thing to do, but it's a lot of fun."

The whole family goes camping, where they enjoy hunting, playing games and riding motor bikes. They sing traditional songs around the campfire, eat and drink non-alcoholic drinks,

Khalid explained.

The main religious holiday for the Islamic religion is Ramadan, which falls on a different day each year. "Ramadan will be in winter again in five or six years," Ibrahim said.

During the holiday season at University student Shelby Schill's house, "We light a candle and say a prayer to God for each of the eight days of Hanukkah," Schill said, referring to the Jewish holiday. "When my brother and I were little, when we lit the candles, we would pick one that we thought would burn the longest and have a race to see who won."

University student Rory Greenfield will be away from home during Hanukkah because it starts on Dec. 1 this year. "In my house, we light

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