



**Shalom!**

This week, *Around the Shabbat Table* wishes all our American readers a very Happy Thanksgiving (yes, *Around the Shabbat Table* is being read outside of the U.S. as well, with readers in Canada, Great Britain, Greece, Mexico and Israel!) While we take a Thanksgiving break...

Thanksgiving gives us a great opportunity to explore the links which appear to exist between the "secular" holiday of Thanksgiving, and the Jewish tradition. We invite you to lead your family in Thanksgiving reflection, using some of these resources:

You'll find practical suggestions about infusing Jewish values (and a contemporary Jewish prayer) into your family's Thanksgiving at:

[http://www.jewishfamily.com/jc\\_a.php?text=http://www.jewishfamily.com/jc/holidays/thanksgiving/jewish\\_thanksgiving.txt](http://www.jewishfamily.com/jc_a.php?text=http://www.jewishfamily.com/jc/holidays/thanksgiving/jewish_thanksgiving.txt)

In the early days of the American observance of the holiday of Thanksgiving, there was some controversy about whether Thanksgiving was to be a Christian holiday, or was to be an American holiday in which all could give thanks, regardless of one's religious affiliation. Read about what happened in 1868 at:

<http://www.ajhs.org/publications/chapters/chapter.cfm?documentID=240>

To learn about the relationship between Thanksgiving and Sukkot, see:

<http://www.interfaithfamily.com/article/issue47/lieberman.phtml>



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