

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES
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SEE SIDE PANEL FOR FESTIVAL INFO AND PROPER BLESSING

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

DATE	FESTIVAL	BLESSINGS
SEP 11	First Eve of Rosh Hashanah	2 & 8 🌙
SEP 12	Second Eve of Rosh Hashanah	1 & 8 🌙
SEP 20	Eve of Yom Kippur	3 & 8 🌙
SEP 25	First Eve of Sukkot	6 & 8 🌙
SEP 26	Second Eve of Sukkot	5 & 8 🌙
OCT 2	Eve of Shemini Atzeret	6 & 8 🌙
OCT 3	Eve of Simchat Torah	5 & 8 🌙
APR 21	First Seder Night	5 & 8 🔥
APR 22	Second Seder Night	5 & 8 🌙
APR 23	Shabbos Chol Hamoed	7 🌙
APR 27	Seventh Eve of Passover	5 🔥
APR 28	Eighth Eve of Passover	5 🌙
JUN 10	First Eve of Shavuos	5 & 8 🔥
JUN 11	Second Eve Of Shavuos	6 & 8 🌙🌙



If lighting after sunset, light only from a pre-existing flame.



Do not light before the time indicated. Light only from a pre-existing flame.



Do not light after times indicated. Light only from a pre-existing flame.



Do not light after sunset.

A pre-existing flame is a flame burning continuously since the onset of a festival—such as a pilot light, gas or candle flame.

BLESSINGS FOR FESTIVAL CANDLE LIGHTING

- 1

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech Ho-olom Asher Kideshonu Bemitzvosov Vetzivonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Yom Hazikoron. [...to kindle the lights of Rosh Hashanah.]
- 2

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech Ho-olom Asher Kideshonu Bemitzvosov Vetzivonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Shabbos V'Shel Yom Hazikoron. [...to kindle the lights of the Shabbat and of Rosh Hashanah.]
- 3

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech Ho-olom Asher Kideshonu Bemitzvosov Vetzivonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Yom Hakipurim. [...to kindle the lights of Yom Kippur.]
- 4

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech Ho-olom Asher Kideshonu Bemitzvosov Vetzivonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Shabbos v'shel Yom Hakipurim. [...to kindle the lights of Shabbat and Yom Kippur.]
- 5

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech Ho-olom Asher Kideshonu Bemitzvosov Vetzivonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov. [...to kindle the lights of the Festival.]
- 6

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech Ho-olom Asher Kideshonu Bemitzvosov Vetzivonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Shabbos V'Shel Yom Tov. [...to kindle the lights of the Shabbat and of the Festival.]
- 7

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech Ho-olom Asher Kideshonu Bemitzvosov Vetzivonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Shabbos Kodesh. [...to kindle the lights of the holy Shabbat.]
- 8

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech Ho-olom Shehehcheyohnu Vekiyemonu Vehigionu Lizman Hazeh. [...that granted us life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this occasion.]

If you will observe the kindling of the Shabbat lights; you will merit to see the lights of the redemption of the Jewish people.

—YALKUT SHIMONI; BEHAALOSCHO

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The Jewish Woman's
Guide to Lighting

SHABBAT
CANDLES

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Shabbat Shalom!

Peace descends upon the Jewish Home every Shabbat.

LIGHT IS BORN... DARKNESS RECEDES

The news of the day may tell of murder and mayhem, politics and pollution, disease and disaster—indeed the global catalogue of human misery. For ours is a threatening world. One in which the Jewish spirit is under constant assault by hypocrisy, injustice and rampant immorality.

But there is a Divine spark in each of us. And so, there is hope. For light is a compelling force which will always triumph over darkness.

Jewish Girls!

Your mothers need you. Your people need you. Your future as a Jewish woman cries out for you to enter its service now.

Jewish Mothers!

As soon as your daughter is old enough to recite the blessing, teach her to kindle her own Shabbat candle. Because darkness is all around us, and only you have the power to drive it away.



FIRE TOUCHES WICK. Flame reaches upward. Another home is bathed in peace and holiness, in warmth and unity. A Jewish woman has invited the Shabbat Queen into her home.

The darkness of the day's headlines recedes, exiled by the peaceful glow of candles.

It is truly a gift from on high. All that is good, all that is holy is symbolized—indeed realized—in the flickering light of the Shabbat candles:

Harmony in the home

Dedication to G-d, Torah and Mitzvot

Triumph of good

Unending hope and faith in ultimate good

Tradition recounts the miracle of our matriarch Sarah, whose Shabbat candles burned from Friday eve to Friday eve. Our sages tell of our matriarch Rivkah, who lit Shabbat candles from the tender age of three.

Two millennia ago, the Holy Zohar declared that a woman kindling her Shabbat candles with joy in her heart brings peace on earth, long life to her loved ones, and is blessed

with children who illuminate our world with Torah. And in our generation, the revered Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, said:

“Let every woman—young girls included—add her holy light to illuminate the world shrouded in darkness and confusion.”

Lighting Shabbat candles is the historic responsibility of every Jewish wife and mother. But in our times their light is not enough...

Today we also need the holy flame of every Jewish girl in order to keep the forces of darkness at bay.

These are times when children look beyond home and hearth, in quest of their own identity and the desire to create a meaningful life for themselves.

Let them hold a candle all their own... Let them kindle a flame of their own... Let them bring their aspirations in sync with the Divine warmth of the Shabbat light.

GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS



A MARRIED WOMAN customarily lights two candles and may add an additional one for each of her children.

(approximately 3 years old) her mother should provide her with a candlestick and teach her to kindle the Shabbat lights.



SINGLE WOMEN light one candle. As soon as a young girl can grasp the idea of Shabbat and can recite the blessing

THE CHILD should light before her mother in case she needs assistance.



IT IS CUSTOMARY to put a few coins in a 'pushka' (charity box) before lighting candles.



THE CORRECT TIME to light the Shabbat candles is 18 minutes before sunset every Friday. Young girls should light just prior to this time.



Shabbat candles must be lit before sunset. It is a desecration of the Shabbat to light candles after sunset.

Shabbat Lighting

- ◆ First light the candles.
- ◆ Then spread your hands out around the candles, drawing your hands inward in a circular motion three times to indicate the acceptance of the sanctity of Shabbat.
- ◆ You then cover your eyes and recite the following blessing:

Boruch Atoh Ado-noi E-loheinu Melech
Ho-olom, Asher Kideshanu Bemitzvosov,
Vitzivonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Shabbat Kodesh

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת קֹדֶשׁ.

Blessed are You, G-d our Lord,
King of the universe, who has hallowed us through
His commandments, and has commanded us to
kindle the lights of the holy Shabbat.

- ◆ Uncover your eyes and behold the Shabbat lights.
- ◆ The time of lighting is considered especially propitious for praying to G-d for health and happiness. The prayer is readily acceptable because it is offered during the performance of this great mitzvah of lighting Shabbat candles.

FESTIVAL CANDLES

Just as candles are lit in honor of Shabbat, so are they lit in honor of the festivals. Various blessings are recited on the different festivals.

See the chart "Blessings for Festival Candle Lighting" in this pamphlet.

When lighting after the onset of a festival, a preexisting flame must be used to light the candles since it is prohibited to create a new fire by striking a match or lighter, etc. However it is permissible to use, or transfer fire, from a flame burning continuously since the onset of the festival—such as a pilot light, gas or a candle flame.