

CHANUKA: CANDLES: HOW TO LIGHT

Chanuka Candles: Light Left to Right; Add Right to Left

Light Chanuka candles from left to right, as you face it, not as it will be seen from outside the window. Add the new candle from right to left. For example, on the first night, put the candle on the extreme right of the menora.

To set up and light Chanuka candles:

- Set up the candles starting from the right side of the menora.
- Light the shamash candle and hold it while you say the blessings:
 - Lehadlik ner shel Chanuka.
 - She'asa nisim l'avoteinu ba'yamim ha'heim ba'zman ha'zeh.
 - (And on the first night, add) She'hecheyanu.
- Light the left-most candle first and proceed to the next candle on the right, and so on.
- Once you have lit the first candle each night, say ha'neiros hallalu (this is a halacha).

NOTE Once the menora has been lit, you may not turn or move it, even to the window.

NOTE Saying Ma'oz Tzur is a widespread custom but is not required.

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Chanuka: Candles: Lighting on Friday

On Friday of Chanuka, light Shabbat candles after Chanuka candles; at least one Chanuka candle must burn until at least 30 minutes after dark.

If a man forgets to light the Chanuka candles, he may still light them until sunset or until he says Mizmor shir l'yom haShabbat, whichever comes earlier.

But women start Shabbat when they light the Shabbat candles and so they may not light Chanuka candles after lighting Shabbat candles.

Chanuka: Candles: SheHecheyanu on Later Days

Say she'hecheyanu the first time you light Chanuka candles each year:

- Even if your first time is the second or subsequent nights.
- Even if someone lit for you the previous night.