SHABBAT: CANDLES: BLESSING

Shabbat: Candles: How To Do Blessing: Women

Here is the order for blessing over the Shabbat candles by women:

- Light the candles,
- Put your hands in front of your eyes (this a universal custom), and
- Say the blessing *lehadlik ner shel Shabbat*.
- NOTE It is a custom to make requests at candle lighting, but *rabbinic* guidance may be helpful in how to structure the request.

Shabbat: Candles: How To Do Blessing: Men

Here is the order for blessing over the Shabbat candles by men:

- Say the blessing, and then
- Light candles.
- NOTE If a *man* accepts/starts *Shabbat* when he lights *Shabbat* candles, he should cover his eyes and say the blessing AFTER lighting, as women do. Otherwise, he does not need to cover his eyes when saying the blessing.

Shabbat: Candles: Lighting with Wrong Blessing

If you said the blessing for Jewish festival candles instead of for Shabbat candles:

- Women may not correct themselves, but
- Men may say the correct blessing and light the candles.
- NOTE If the *man* has already lit the candles before realizing that he had said the incorrect blessing, he should:
 - Extinguish the candles,
 - Say the correct blessing, and then
 - Light again (assuming he has not yet started *Shabbat* and that it is not yet sunset).

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