

SHABBAT CANDLES: HOW MANY TO LIGHT

Shabbat: Candles: Wives: Light Two (or More)

Wives should light two candles for Shabbat (and Jewish festivals), even though we say the blessing over “ner” (“candle” in the singular). Lighting any more candles than two is custom.

Shabbat: Candles: How Many To Light when Eating Elsewhere

A wife lighting Shabbat candles in a place other than her own home lights only two candles, even if she normally lights more than two candles in her own home.

Adding a Candle

If you missed lighting candles one Shabbat, the custom is to light an additional candle with your normal candles every subsequent Shabbat during your lifetime.

NOTE If you eat at someone else's home for Shabbat and they light candles for you, you do not (even as a custom) then add a candle to those you normally light on subsequent Shabbats.