

SHABBAT: CANDLES: MEANING

Shabbat: Candles: Peace of Home and Festive Feeling

The original purpose for lighting Shabbat candles was to enhance the peace of the home (shalom bayit --so that people could walk around without stumbling in the dark), and so Shabbat candles were lit where people would eat dinner Friday night. But we now rely on the idea that candles help provide a festive atmosphere.