

SHABBAT: CANDLES: WHO LIGHTS

Shabbat: Candles: One Person per Home Lights

Shabbat candles should be lit only by one person per home. Priority order: wife; then husband; then children. Girls should not be encouraged to light Shabbat candles except when no parent can.

NOTE Single people should light Shabbat candles in their homes if they will eat there.

Shabbat: Candles: Have Others in Mind When Lighting

Whoever is lighting the Shabbat candles should light for all other people who will be eating dinner in that home. So a host/hostess where you will eat should have you in mind when he or she lights Shabbat candles. However, it is customary for any married woman to light candles wherever she will eat. Unmarried women do not need to light their own candles (as long as the host/hostess has them in mind when lighting), but they are not prohibited from doing so.