

# Yahrzeit

## Yahrzeit: Date

### Yahrzeit: Timing

If the person was buried before the passage of two sunsets after death:

- Yahrzeit day is the anniversary date of the day he or she died.

If the person was NOT buried before the passage of two sunsets after death:

- First yahrzeit is one year after the day he/she was buried.
- Subsequent yahrzeits will be on the day he/she died.

## Yahrzeit: Candle

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Lighting a yahrzeit candle on the yahrzeit of a parent is a universal custom but not a halacha.

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One candle is lit on the yahrzeit/anniversary of the date a parent died.

**NOTE** If both parents died on the same day, light two candles on the yahrzeit day (but only one on yizkor day).

#### Yahrzeit: Candle: How Many Candles: One per Household

For a deceased parent on a yahrzeit or yizkor day, only one candle needs to be lit in each home where any of a parent's children are at sunset of that evening.

#### EXAMPLES

- If two siblings (or more) are in the same residence on the night of the yahrzeit, just light one yahrzeit candle.
- If all siblings are in different homes, each sibling lights one yahrzeit candle.

## Yahrzeit: Fasting

### Fasting on Yahrzeit of Parents

It is a good custom (but not halacha) to fast on the yahrzeit of one's parents, since it is a kind of repentance (teshuva).