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.

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