SHABBAT: SETTING THE TABLE

Setting the Shabbat Table

Set the *Shabbat* table with nice tableware and tablecloth. The custom is to have the table set and have bread on the table before *Shabbat* starts.
The tablecloth should cover the table during *Shabbat* meals, but you may remove and switch tablecloths. Even if you have a beautiful and valuable table, you should still cover it for *Shabbat* (and *Jewish festival*) meals.

How To Cover the Challot

On *Shabbat* (and *Jewish festivals*), you should place a white cover above the *challot* and another below (unless you have a white tablecloth).

REASON To recall the layers of dew above and below the *mun* that the Israelites ate for 40 years in the desert.

NOTE If you have a fancy or beautiful cover for your *challa* that is not white underneath**,** you may put a white cloth or paper towel between the cover and the *challa* in order to have a white cover above the *challa*.

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