YAHRZEIT

YARHZEIT: 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.

YARHZEIT: CANDLE

YARHZEIT: CANDLE: DAY OF YAHRZEIT

Yahrzeit: Candle: Day of Yahrzeit

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

YAHRZEIT: CANDLE: HOW MANY CANDLES

Yahrzeit: Candle: How Many Candles: Yahrzeit and Yizkor

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*).

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