

# CHANUKA: CANDLES: HOW MANY TO LIGHT

## Chanuka: Candles: One per House

The basic commandment is for one Chanuka candle to be lit per house per night. The extra candles (matching the number of days in Chanuka) and having every male light his own menora is an enhancement and a custom.

**NOTE** Having every male in the family light his own Chanuka candles is a universally accepted but non-binding custom among Ashkenazi Jews.

## Chanuka: Candles: One Shamash per Area

You only need one service (shamash) candle for any amount of Chanuka candles/oil lamps (menorot) in the same area.