

JEWISH FESTIVAL CHECKLIST

Preparing for Jewish Festivals

Here are some suggestions (they are NOT halachot!) of what to prepare in advance of Jewish festivals. Add or delete to suit your needs!

Candle Lighting

- Check candle lighting time
- Set the candles in their holders (and have matches nearby)

Set the Table

Set the table, including the challa and its cover

Kitchen Preparation

- Sharpen knives
- Tear paper towels
- Refrigerator: Turn off or unscrew lights; disconnect any LEDs or fans
- Turn on blech, stove, oven, etc., for whatever you will need
- Set up hot water urn
- Turn off stove, oven, if needed

Food Preparation

- Thaw frozen meat, fish, and other food that might take hours to defrost before being cooked
- Cook whatever can be cooked ahead of time
- Squeeze lemons; do any other boreir-type preparations
- Chill wine
- Open bottles and cans that will be needed on the Jewish festival

Cleaning

- Make beds
- Sweep or vacuum
- Dump garbage

Clothing

- Do laundry
- Empty pockets of muktza
- For men, set out Jewish festival talit

Muktza

Check that nothing you will need is beneath a muktza item

Personal Care

- Cut hair and nails, if needed
- For men, shave or trim beard and mustache, if needed
- Tear dental floss
- Tear toilet paper or put out tissues in bathrooms
- Open any new boxes of tissues

Electronics

- Set heat or air conditioning
- Turn on or off lights, or set timers for them
- If desired, turn off or disconnect:
 - Alarms
 - Cellphones and phones
 - Computers
 - Microwave detectors
 - Other electronics