

JEWISH FESTIVALS: CANDLES: WHO LIGHTS

Jewish Festivals: Candles: One Person per Home

Like Shabbat candles, Jewish festival candles should be lit only by one person per home. Priority order: wife; then husband; then children.

It is customary for each married woman to light candles on each festival even though she is not eating in her own home and even though her hostess is already lighting candles. She may light her candles at her hostess's house or at her own home (but if at her own home, she must see the candles are burning after dark if she lights there).

Girls should not be encouraged to light Jewish festival candles except when no parent can.

Single people should light Jewish festival candles in their homes if they will eat there.

Jewish Festivals: Candles: Have Others in Mind

Whoever is lighting the Jewish festival candles should have in mind all other people who will be eating dinner in that home.