

How to light candles over the next 2 days

(Thursday & Friday)

- It is suggested to download and print this section so you can have it handy.
- Although there are varying customs on how to light candles over the holidays, this will outline what we do at the Chai Centre.
 - This is certainly something you should follow if you are not sure of your own custom.
 - (Please refer to the schedule for the actual times)

Thursday evening:

2. Make sure that you have already made your Eruv Tavshilin (see candlelighting schedule).
3. Make sure it is BEFORE the time listed in the schedule.
4. Light a 24 or 48 hour candle, which will be referred to as your “existing candle”.
5. Light a regular candle which will be called the “helper candle”.
6. While holding the “helper candle”, make the following two blessings:
 - Baruch Ato Ado’nai Elo’haynu Melech Ha’olom
Asher Kid’sha’nu Bi’mitz’vo’tav Vi’tzee’va’nu
Li’had’lik Ner Shel Yom Tov.
 - Baruch Ato Ado’nai Elo’haynu Melech Ha’olom
She’he’che’ya’nu Vi’kee’mo’nu
Vi’hee’gee’ya’nu Laz’mam Ha’zeh.
7. Light your candles with your “helper candle”.
8. Do not extinguish the “helper candle” but rather put it in a holder.

Friday evening:

1. Make sure it is BEFORE the time listed in the schedule.
2. From your “existing candle”, light a Yizkor candle, if applicable.
3. From your “existing candle”, light a new candle which will be called the “helper candle”.
- 4. Light your candles now, from your “helper candle”.**
5. Do not extinguish the “helper candle” but rather put it in a holder.
6. Circle your hands around the lit candles with a ‘bringing in’ motion three times.
7. Cover your eyes with your hands.
8. Make the following two blessings:
 - Baruch Ato Ado’nai Elo’haynu Melech Ha’olom
Asher Kid’sha’nu Bi’mitz’vo’tav Vi’tzee’va’nu
Li’had’lik Ner Shel Shabbos vi’shel Yom Tov.
 - Baruch Ato Ado’nai Elo’haynu Melech Ha’olom
She’he’che’ya’nu Vi’kee’mo’nu Vi’hee’gee’ya’nu
Laz’mam Ha’zeh.
9. Yizkor is said on Shabbos.