

December 2026 Hanukkah Calendar

EIGHT NIGHTS, SUNDOWN FRI., DEC. 4 TO NIGHTFALL SAT., DEC. 12



Night 1

Fri., Dec. 4

1 candle + shamash
Light before sundown (Shabbat)



Night 2

Sat., Dec. 5

2 candles + shamash
Light after Shabbat ends



Night 3

Sun., Dec. 6

3 candles + shamash
Light after nightfall



Night 4

Mon., Dec. 7

4 candles + shamash
Light after nightfall



Night 5

Tue., Dec. 8

5 candles + shamash
Light after nightfall



Night 6

Wed., Dec. 9

6 candles + shamash
Light after nightfall



Night 7

Thu., Dec. 10

7 candles + shamash
Light after nightfall



Night 8

Fri., Dec. 11

8 candles + shamash
Light before sundown (Shabbat)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4 Night 1	5 Night 2
6 Night 3	7 Night 4	8 Night 5	9 Night 6	10 Night 7	11 Night 8	12 Hanukkah ends at nightfall
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2

Dates from Chabad.org. Candles are added from right to left and lit from left to right, with the shamash (helper candle) lighting the others. Nights 1 and 8 fall on Friday, so those candles are lit before Shabbat begins.