



Hanukkah 2026 Eight Nights Planner

Dec. 4 to Dec. 12, 2026 · tick each night, plan gifts, meals and guests

Night	Evening of	Candles	Lit	Gifts	Meal and guests
Night 1	Fri. Dec. 4 Light before Shabbat candles	1 + shamash 2 used so far	☐		
Night 2	Sat. Dec. 5 Light after Shabbat ends	2 + shamash 5 used so far	☐		
Night 3	Sun. Dec. 6 at sundown	3 + shamash 9 used so far	☐		
Night 4	Mon. Dec. 7 at sundown	4 + shamash 14 used so far	☐		
Night 5	Tue. Dec. 8 at sundown	5 + shamash 20 used so far	☐		
Night 6	Wed. Dec. 9 Rosh Chodesh Tevet begins	6 + shamash 27 used so far	☐		
Night 7	Thu. Dec. 10 at sundown	7 + shamash 35 used so far	☐		
Night 8	Fri. Dec. 11 Light before Shabbat candles	8 + shamash 44 used so far	☐		

Shabbat times during Hanukkah

City	Fri. 12/4 candles	Sat. 12/5 ends	Fri. 12/11 candles	Sat. 12/12 ends
New York	4:10 p.m.	5:14 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	5:14 p.m.
Chicago	4:01 p.m.	5:06 p.m.	4:01 p.m.	5:06 p.m.
Miami	5:11 p.m.	6:07 p.m.	5:12 p.m.	6:08 p.m.
Los Angeles	4:25 p.m.	5:24 p.m.	4:26 p.m.	5:25 p.m.

Before Dec. 4

- ☐ 44 candles (36 + 8 shamash)
☐ Menorah, oil or wicks
☐ Tray or foil for drips
☐ Dreidels
☐ Chocolate gelt
- ☐ Potatoes, onions, oil
☐ Applesauce, sour cream
☐ Jelly doughnuts
☐ Gift wrap
☐ Matches

Notes

Source: Chabad.org, Jewish Holidays in 2026; Hebcal (Shabbat candles 18 minutes before sunset; Havdalah at nightfall). Exact local times vary by city and community. Night 1 lights 1 candle plus the shamash and night 8 lights all 8, so a box of 44 covers the holiday.