

Yechaveh Da'as Comments on Lighting Yahrtzeit Candle

Yechaveh Da'as, chelek 5, siman 60, page 176, appears to state this minhag started with the **Rash** mentioning a custom for lighting candles on Yom Kipur as a kapara for one's parents. Later, this developed into lighting yahrtzeit candles (on the anniversary of the day of death), apparently only in shule as implied by **Maharshal**. Later it became a custom to light a candle during the 7 days of shiva. A lightbulb can serve this purpose. And a lightbulb is even preferable if it is done in a shule to avoid annoying others with smell and dirtying the shule walls.