

## **The KosherLamp brand shabbos lamp changes Shabbat**

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A revolutionary invention now enables observant Jews to dim a light, or turn it on or off on the Sabbath or yom tov.

The halachically approved Kosher-Lamp invented by Rabbi Shmuel Veffter, gives off light or shuts off the light when you rotate an inner shade.

Rabbi Veffter of Aish HaTorah Village Shul, says the idea for the lamp originated when his wife Chana, who is an avid reader, asked if he could improvise a light so she could read in the bedroom on the Sabbath.

“After a visit to the local hardware store with my son,” he says, “we came home with some hodgepodge parts, and by the end of the day we had put together the first clunky working model. By the following Sabbath, our children and friends wanted one.”

Soon after, the rabbi approached Moshe Orzech, one of his congregants who is in the lighting importing business, and with a handshake, a partnership was formed to produce and distribute The KosherLamp™ brand shabbos lamp.

“After seeing the working model,” says Orzech, “I immediately understood the potential. A lamp you can turn on and off on Shabbat - the possibilities were endless.”

Orzech set off for China to build a prototype, and Rabbi Veffter continued to refine The Kosher-Lamp™ brand shabbos lamp design.

The rabbi, who has a degree from the University of Waterloo in mathematics and computer sciences, designed a website.

As well, he approached a number of rabbis in Canada, the United States and Israel and received halachic approval, and then registered the concept with the patent office.

He says that the lamp has many uses, not only for observant Jews but for anyone who wants to read but does not want to disturb another person in the room.

The design is simple but ingenious, he says.

There are two independent cylinders, each with its own window. The inner cylinder can be rotated with a simple twist. When the two windows are aligned, the light comes out. When they are not aligned, the light is blocked and stays inside the lamp. You can adjust the cylinder to allow partial light.

Rabbi Veffer says that halachically, you can open and close a cupboard that has a light on inside on the Sabbath.

That principal applies with The KosherLamp™ brand shabbos lamp. When you open the inner shade, the light remains on and when it is closed, the light is not visible.

The cost of The KosherLamp™ brand shabbos lamp is \$39.95 in Canada and includes the bulb. The lamp can be shipped anywhere in North America.

For more information on The KosherLamp™ brand shabbos lamp or to order, call 416-487-5483 or 1-866-661-5483, or online [www.kosherlamp.com](http://www.kosherlamp.com)