

PASSOVER NIGHT(S): MA'ARIV

Timing of Ma'ariv on Seder Night(s)

- Ma'ariv on the first night of *Passover* may begin at sunset. But since the seder may not be started until after dark, the custom is to begin ma'ariv a little before dark.
- The second seder may also not be started until after dark. Ma'ariv on the second night of *Passover* may be said from plag ha'mincha, 1 1/4 hours before sunset.
- Ma'ariv on the seventh and eighth days of *Passover* may be started as early as plag ha'mincha, 1 1/4 hours before sunset.

Hallel after Ma'ariv

People who have the custom of saying hallel after ma'ariv on the first night of *Passover* also say hallel on the second night (outside of Eretz Yisrael).

HaMapil on Passover

On the first two nights of *Passover*, before going to sleep, just say shema and the *ha'mapil* blessing.

REASON The first night (two nights outside of Eretz Yisrael) is considered to have special Divine protection, so we omit the extra paragraphs in the final parts of the prayer.