

# SET PRAYERS: MA'ARIV

## Shir HaMa'alot Hinei Bar'chu

Saying shir ha'ma'alot hinei bar'chu... before ma'ariv is a custom of some people, but it is not necessary.

## Bar'chu at End of Ma'ariv

In Eretz Yisrael, it is customary to say bar'chu again at the end of ma'ariv.

**NOTE** This is not the custom outside of Eretz Yisrael, but if someone does say bar'chu again, the other people may respond.

## When To Respond to Bar'chu

Wait until the leader has finished saying the line, “Bar'chu et Adonai ha'mevorach” before responding with “Baruch Adonai ha'mevorach l'olam va'ed.”

## Saying HaMelech BiChvodo with Prayer Leader

As with the blessing ga'al yisrael in shacharit, the prayer leader should say out loud the blessing preceding the ma'ariv amida: ha'melech bi'chvodo. If you:

- Are up to where he is in the prayers, you may say the last blessing with him.
- Pray slowly and will not be able to join the minyan for saying the amida, you should start earlier than the minyan and catch up at ha'melech bi'chvodo.

## Halachot of Ma'ariv Amida

See [What To Pray: Set Prayers: Amida](#).

## When To Say Ma'ariv Psalm 27

Say Psalm 27 after alenu during Elul and most of Tishrei. For more about Psalm 27, see [When To Say Psalm 27/L'David Adonai Ori V'Yish'i](#).