SE'UDA SHLISHIT: WHEN TO EAT

When To Eat Se'uda Shlishit with Bread

The ideal is to wash hands and say *ha'<u>motzi</u>* for <u>se'uda shlishit</u> before sunset. However, you may still say *ha'* <u>motzi</u> for <u>se'uda shlishit</u> until 2 minutes before dark (<u>tzeit ha'kochavim</u>) if you have not yet eaten your <u>se'uda</u> <u>shlishit</u>. Once you have begun your meal before sunset, you may continue until long after dark.

When To Eat Se'uda Shlishit without Bread

If you are eating a snack without bread, you must finish eating and say the after-blessing by at least 2 minutes before dark.

If you washed and ate bread, you may continue your meal even after dark.

Latest Time You May Eat on Shabbat

If you finished eating (and saying *birkat ha'mazon/bracha_achrona* for) a full meal or even a snack that you intended to constitute your <u>se'uda shlishit</u>, you may not eat any more once the sun has set on Saturday until after you have made or heard *havdala*.

NOTE If you did not intend for the food to constitute your <u>se'uda shlishit</u>, see When To Eat <u>Se'uda Shlishit</u> with Bread or When To Eat <u>Se'uda Shlishit</u> without Bread, above.

Eating Se'uda Shlishit before Mincha

If you will not have time to start <u>se'uda shlishit</u> after <u>mincha</u> but before sunset, you may eat <u>se'uda shlishit</u> before <u>mincha</u>.

NOTE Eating <u>se'uda shlishit</u> before mincha is preferable to beginning eating <u>se'uda shlishit</u> after sunset.

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