Jewish Festivals: Evening Kiddush

To fulfill the two requirements for *Jewish festival* evening *kiddush*:

1. Make *Kiddush*
   Say, or hear, the three *Jewish festival* evening *kiddush* blessings/segments:

   1. Borei pri ha'gafen (if on wine or grape juice—preferred option), OR
      Ha'motzi (on two *challot* if you have no wine or grape juice, since no *chamar medina* is allowed for *Jewish festival* evening *kiddush;* see *Jewish Festivals*: *Kiddush*: *Challot* for *Kiddush*) AND
   2. *Asher bachar banu mi kol am*.... *mekadeish Yisrael v'hazmanim,* AND
   3. *She'hecheyanu* on all *Jewish festival* nights, except the last two nights of *Passover*. So say *she'hecheyanu* on:

      - Both nights of *Rosh Hashana* (in or outside of *Eretz Yisrael*),
      - First two nights of *Passover* (1 night in *Eretz Yisrael*),
      - Both nights of *Shavuot* (1 night in *Eretz Yisrael*),
      - First two nights of *Sukkot* (1 night in *Eretz Yisrael*), and
      - Nights of *Shmini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah* (same day in *Eretz Yisrael*).

   NOTE There is never any requirement on an indvidual to drink *kiddush* wine (except at the Passover *seder*), but the *kiddush* wine must be drunk by one or more persons.

   NOTE A woman who had said *she'hecheyanu* when she lit the *Jewish festival* candles does NOT say *she'hecheyanu* again if she makes *kiddush* for herself, even when making *kiddush* at the *Passover seder*.

   NOTE There is no need to eat a new fruit after saying *she'hecheyanu* on the second night of *Shavuot*, *Passover*, or *Sukkot*. This is not comparable to *Rosh Hashana,* since the second festival night was instituted due to uncertainty of the actual date of the holiday, while *Rosh Hashana* is considered to be one single, long day.

2. Establish a *halachic* "meal" (*kovei'a se'uda*).
   For how to establish a *halachic* meal, see Introduction to *Jewish Festival* "Eating a Meal" Requirements.

NOTE For evening *kiddush*, the custom is to go straight to the meal without delay (with no *mezonot* or snacking first). *B'di'avad* if you snacked, it is still OK.

NOTE At night on *Jewish festivals* (or *Shabbat*), you may not say *kiddush* at a place where you will not eat your evening meal (even if you will hear or say *kiddush* again at the place where you will eat the meal).

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