SHABBAT: KIDDUSH: HOW MUCH TO DRINK

Drinking Cheekful for Shabbat Kiddush

As on *Jewish festivals*, the minimum total volume of *Shabbat kiddush* beverage that must be drunk--usually by the *kiddush*-maker (*mevareich*) but it may even be by several people combined--is a cheekful (*m'lo lugmov*), as follows:

- 2 fl. oz. (59 ml) within 30 seconds of beginning to drink for *d'oraita* cases such as *Shabbat* evening *kiddush* (as well as first-night *Jewish festival kiddush* and all havdalas), and
- 1.7 fl. oz. (50 ml) within 30 seconds of beginning to drink for *d'rabanan* cases such as *Shabbat* lunch *kiddush* (as well as first-day *Jewish festival* lunch *kiddush* and all second-day *Jewish festival* kiddushes).

NOTE If no one drinks the *kiddush* beverage, a blessing was made in vain (*bracha l'vatala*), and the commandment to say or hear *kiddush* has not been fulfilled.

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