

KIDDUSH LEVANA

לרפואה שלימה לחולי ישראל

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- Kiddush Levana should only be said at night.¹
- Whatever zman you wait for davening Maariv without repeating Krias Shema, is late enough to say Kiddush Levana.²
- Even those who normally wait 72 minutes for Maariv, can say Kiddush Levana earlier than that.³
- Bi'dieved, bein hashmashos is also allowed.⁴
- If it was said after shkiah but before the above, it should be repeated without Hashems names.⁵
- In extreme situations, after dawn before the zman of talis and tefilin, Kiddush Levana can be said.⁶
- If it's cloudy, a bracha can be said as long as the outline of the moon can be seen.⁷
- If it's the last night etc. a bracha can be said as long as some light is seen coming through the clouds.⁸
- If the bracha was started and then the clouds covered the moon, the bracha can still be finished.⁹
- If you think the moon will reappear, then wait for it to reappear.¹⁰
- The preferred time to say Kiddush Levana is on Motzai Shabbos when we're still dressed in Shabbos clothing.¹¹
- Kiddush Levana should preferably be said with a minyan.¹²
- It's debatable if doing the mitzvah faster is more important than saying it with a minyan. Either way is acceptable.¹³
- However, there are many who prefer to say it sooner rather than to wait. Either way is fine.¹⁴
- Some have the custom to say Kiddush Levana before Tisha Bav and Yom Kippur, and some have the custom to say it afterwards.¹⁵
- Kiddush Levana is not said on Shabbos and Yom Tov unless it's the last night to say it or if the next few nights have a forecast to be cloudy. When saying it, only the Bracha is said and nothing more.¹⁶
- Kiddush Levana should preferably not be said under a roof. However, bi'dieved it's fine.¹⁷
- If needed, it can be said through a window, but it's preferable to open the window.¹⁸
- The moon should be looked at before starting the Bracha.¹⁹
- One's feet should be together and facing east (however, many are not concerned with this).²⁰
- "Shalom Aleichem" is said three times to either one person or once to three people, or in the direction of people.²¹
- One should not answer "Aleichem Shalom" if they're in the middle of the bracha (and the guy who said "Shalom Aleichem" is yotzei).²²
- One who is saying Kiddush Levana by themselves, does not need to find people to say "Shalom Aleichem" to.²³
- Aleinu Leshabeach is said at the conclusion.²⁴
- Many have the custom to dance after Aleinu.²⁵
- The earliest time to say Kiddush Levana is 3 days after the molid. However some wait 7 days.²⁶
- Bi'dieved it's acceptable if it was said earlier than 3 days, as long as the moon was properly visible.²⁷
- The latest time to say Kiddush Levana is approximately 14 and a half days from the molid. If it wasn't said, then up to 15 days after the molid is acceptable. If it still wasn't said, then even if it's passed a full 15 days after the molid it still can be said with a bracha, if it's still the 15th night.²⁸
- There are opinions that allow Kiddush Levana to be said with a bracha on the 16th night, but a shaila should be asked.²⁹
- Some say that if the above times were missed, Kiddush Levana can be said with Hashem's name while reading it from a Rambam or Tur.³⁰
- Customarily, women don't say Kiddush Levana. However, they may do so.³¹

1.	רמ"א (סימן תכו)	12.	ביאור הלכה (שם ד"ה אלא)	22.	שם
2.	ערוך השולחן (שם סעיף קטן ה)	13.	פסקי תשובות (סעיף קטן כג)	23.	אבני ישפה (חלק ג סימן נ ענף ג)
3.	תשובות והנהגות (חלק ד סימן צג)	14.	פסקי תשובות (סעיף קטן ט)	24.	שם
4.	פסקי תשובות (סימן תכו סעיף ג)	15.	שולחן ערוך (שם סעיף ג) ומשנה ברורה (סעיף קטן יא)	25.	רמ"א (שם סעיף ב)
5.	שם	16.	משנה ברורה (שם סעיף קטן יב) ושער הציון	26.	שולחן ערוך (שם סעיף ד)
6.	שם	17.	רמ"א (שם סעיף ד) ומשנה ברורה	27.	הליכות שלמה (ראש חודש פרק א הערה 801)
7.	משנה ברורה (שם סעיף קטן ג)	18.	שם	28.	שולחן ערוך (שם סעיף ג) ופסקי תשובות (סעיף קטן כד)
8.	פסקי תשובות (שם סעיף קטן ז)	19.	שם	29.	שם
9.	משנה ברורה (שם סעיף קטן ג)	20.	שם ופסקי תשובות (סעיף קטן טו)	30.	שם
10.	פסקי תשובות (שם הערה 95)	21.	שם	31.	משנה ברורה (שם סעיף קטן א)
11.	רמ"א (שם סעיף ב)				