# **KABBALAT SHABBAT**

## WHEN TO SAY KABBALAT SHABBAT

#### Start Kabbalat Shabbat Ideally before Sunset

<u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u> should ideally be started before sunset, and you should ideally get to <u>bo'i challa</u> at about sunset time. But you may start <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u> after sunset and even after dark.

#### Latest Time To Say Kabbalat Shabbat

The latest time to finish saying Kabbalat Shabbat is before daybreak on Saturday morning.

#### Kabbalat Shabbat and Jewish Festivals

Kabbalat Shabbat is mostly omitted when Shabbat falls on:

- Jewish festivals,
- Chol ha'moed, and
- Right after the last day of a *Jewish festival*.

On these days, only Mizmor shir ... and Adonai malach ... are said.

## **LECHA DODI**

#### **Directions for Lecha Dodi**

When saying *Lecha Dodi*:

- Face your normal direction for the first stanzas;
- For *bo'i v'shalom*, ideally, face the entrance to the *synagogue* (but the common practice is to face away from the *aron kodesh*).

### VAYECHULU

#### Saying VaYechulu with Others

Friday night, it is a nice custom for men to say *va'yechulu* with at least one other *man*. It is best (but not required) to say *va'yechulu* with the entire *minyan*.

**REASON** The idea is that we are attesting (with other people, as in a court) to God's having created the world.

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