

SET PRAYERS: MA'ARIV

Shir HaMa'alot Hinei Bar'chu

Saying *shir ha'ma'alot hinei bar'chu*... before *ma'ariv* is a custom of some people, but it is not necessary.

Bar'chu at End of Ma'ariv

In *Eretz Yisrael*, it is customary to say *bar'chu* again at the end of *ma'ariv*.

NOTE This is not the custom outside of *Eretz Yisrael*, but if someone does say *bar'chu* again, the other people may respond.

When To Respond to Bar'chu

Wait until the leader has finished saying the line, “*Bar'chu et Adonai ha'mevorach*” before responding with “*Baruch Adonai ha'mevorach l'olam va'ed*.”

Saying HaMelech BiChvodo with Prayer Leader

As with the blessing *ga'al yisrael* in *shacharit*, the prayer leader should say out loud the blessing preceding the *ma'ariv amida*: *ha'melech bi'chvodo*. If you:

- Are up to where he is in the prayers, you may say the last blessing with him.
- Pray slowly and will not be able to join the *minyan* for saying the *amida*, you should start earlier than the *minyan* and catch up at *ha'melech bi'chvodo*.

Halachot of Ma'ariv Amida

See [What To Pray: Set Prayers: Amida](#).

When To Say Ma'ariv Psalm 27

Say Psalm 27 after *alenu* during *Elul* and most of *Tishrei*. For more about Psalm 27, see [When To Say Psalm 27/L'David Adonai Ori V'Yish'i](#).