JEWISH FESTIVALS: ENDING: HAVDALA: WHO MUST SAY/HEAR

Men and Women Must Say/Hear Havdala

The following must each hear or say havdala for themselves:

- Men and boys 13 years old and up, and
- Women and girls 12 years old and up.
- NOTE As on *Shabbat*, any male Jew above 13 years old and any female Jew above 12 years old may say *Jewish festival havdala* for himself/herself and for anyone else.
- NOTE A husband's or father's hearing *havdala* at *synagogue* does not cover his family's obligation to hear *havdala*. He may say *havdala* for his wife and children even if he fulfilled his personal *havdala* requirement at the *synagogue*. (Men who say *havdala* for their families normally intend not to be covered by the *synagogue's havdala*).

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