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JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: WHO MAY MAKE

Jewish Man or Woman Making Kiddush

Any adult Jew, male or female, may say *kiddush* for him/herself and, as long as he/she still needs to say *kiddush* for him/herself, may include any other Jews of any age or gender.
Any Jewish male, 13 years old or older, may say *kiddush* for anyone else, either gender and any age, even if he has already fulfilled his personal requirement of saying *kiddush*.
Any Jewish female, 12 years old or older, may say *kiddush* for any other females but not for men, except that on the 2 *Passover seder* nights, a Jewish female who is at least 12 years old may even say *kiddush* for men, if the men are not able to say it for themselves. (Women may also say *kiddush* for men on *Shabbat* evening).

REASON Any person who is obligated to fulfill the *mitzva* of *kiddush* may say it for another person**.** It is questionable whether women are obligated to say (or have said for them) *Jewish festival* morning *kiddush*.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: WHAT TO DRINK

Ideal Kiddush Beverage: Wine/Grape Juice

Wine (or grape juice) is the ideal and proper beverage for *kiddush* (and *havdala).*

REASON It is considered to be a prestigious beverage.

Jewish Festival Night Kiddush Beverage

Wine (or grape juice) is the only drink permissible for *Jewish festival* (or Friday) evening *kiddush. See Challot* for *Kiddush*, below, if you do not have wine or grape juice with which to make *Jewish festival (*or *Shabbat)* evening *kiddush*.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: HOW MUCH TO POUR

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: Pour Revi'it

As on *Shabbat*, the minimum volume of *kiddush* beverage on which you may say *Jewish festival kiddush* (or *havdala*) is a *revi'it*:

- 4 fl. oz. (119 ml) for *d'oraita* cases such as the first night of *Jewish festivals* (or *Shabbat* evening) *kiddush*, and
- 3.3 fl. oz. (99 ml) for *d'rabanan* cases such *Jewish festival* lunch and evening/daytime meals on the second *Jewish festival* day (as well as *kiddush* for *Shabbat* lunch).

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: How High To Fill the Cup

Ideally, fill your *kiddush* cup to just above the rim, even if the cup is larger than 4 fl. oz. (119 ml). Don't make the cup overflow.

NOTE If you did not fill the *kiddush* cup to the rim, it is still OK.

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: Diluting Wine

There is no need to dilute wine before drinking it.

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: If Not Enough Wine

If there is not enough wine (or grape juice) for *Jewish festival* (or *Shabbat) kiddush* and *havdala:*

- Set aside the first cup for *havdala*. Then, if there is one more cup,
- Use it for the morning *kiddush*.

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: Challot for Kiddush

To use two *challot* for *kiddush* instead of wine:

- Wash hands and say *al netilat yadayim*,
- Say *kiddush* but substitute *ha'motzi* for *borei pri ha'gafen;* and, as soon as you finish saying *kiddush*,
- Eat the bread as normal.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: CUP & WINE BOTTLES

Your Own Kiddush Cup

If you want to drink *kiddush* wine, you may either hold your own cup of wine (or grape juice) during *kiddush* or receive wine or grape juice from the *kiddush* leader's cup.

Kos Pagum

Kos pagum means either:

1. "Physically damaged or broken drinking utensil": You may not use such a cup for *kiddush l'chatchila*. OR

2. Cup of wine, grape juice, or any beverage that has been drunk from. This beverage may not be used for a *kos shel bracha* until at least a small amount more of some beverage has been added.

Uncovered Wine Bottles/Cups

You do not need to close the wine bottle or cover the other wine cups while the first of several people says *kiddush*, whether on *Shabbat* or *Jewish festivals.*

Washing Wine Glass

There is no need to wash a clean wine glass before using it for *kiddush*.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: HOW MUCH TO DRINK

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: Drinking Cheekful

As on *Shabbat*, the minimum total volume of *Jewish festival kiddush* beverage that must be drunk--usually by the *kiddush*-maker (*mevareich*) but it may even be several people combined--is a cheekful (*m'lo lugmov*)—considered to be 2 fl. oz. (59 ml) within 30 seconds.

NOTE If no one drinks the *kiddush* beverage, the commandment to say or hear *kiddush* has not been fulfilled.

NOTE Although you must drink at least a cheekful to fulfill *kiddush*, you must drink at least 4 fl. oz. (119 ml) within 30 seconds in order to say the after-blessing.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: WHEN TO SPEAK OR DRINK

When You May Speak after Kiddush

You may speak, even without having drunk anything yourself, once:

- The leader (*mevareich*) has said *Jewish festival* (or *Shabbat*) *kiddush* for other people, and
- At least 2 fl. oz. (59 ml) of the wine (or other appropriate beverage) over which *kiddush* was made has been drunk.

When You May Drink after Kiddush

You may drink your own beverage as long as:

- The leader (*mevareich*) has said *Jewish festival* (or *Shabbat*) *kiddush* for other people, and

- At least 2 fl. oz. (59 ml) of the wine (or other appropriate beverage) over which *kiddush* was made has been drunk.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: WHEN TO SAY BLESSING AGAIN

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: BOREI PRI HAGAFEN AFTER DRINKING KIDDUSH WINE

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: Drinking Kiddush Wine and then Drinking Later in Meal

If you drank any amount of *kiddush* wine (or grape juice), you do not say *borei pri ha'gafen* over wine or grape juice later in the meal (but you may have to say *ha'tov v'ha'meitiv* if the wine is better than the *kiddush* wine).

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: Borei Pri HaGafen after Drinking Kiddush Wine and Hesech Da'at

If you said or heard the blessing *borei pri ha'gafen*, finished drinking had *hesech da'at*, and then want to make a new blessing over the remaining wine in the cup, see Borei Pri HaGafen: Saying Again.

NOTE Although you may say a new *borei pri ha'gafen* on wine (or grape juice) that you left off drinking and returned to finish after *hesech da'at*, you may do so only as a simple blessing, not as *kiddush* (for how to make *kiddush* on same wine, see next *halacha*).

Jewish Festivals: Kiddush: Making New Kiddush after Drinking Kiddush Wine

To say *borei pri ha'gafen* as a new *kiddush* on the same wine, you must add at least one drop of new wine to the cup, if you have drunk any of the wine directly from that cup.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: BOREI PRI HAGAFEN AFTER NOT DRINKING KIDDUSH WINE

Jewish Festivals: Borei Pri HaGafen after Not Drinking Kiddush Wine

You must say *borei pri ha'gafen* if you want to drink wine (or grape juice) after you heard *kiddush* and then:

- Spoke without drinking any amount of *kiddush* beverage, and/or
- Spoke before the *kiddush* leader drank at least 2 fl. oz. (59 ml) of wine (or grape juice) from his cup, and/or
- Heard someone make *kiddush* over a *she'hakol*, even if you drank from that cup.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: KIDDUSH: STANDING OR SITTING

Kiddush Standing or Sitting

Standing or sitting while drinking wine or other beverage for *kiddush* (or *havdala)* is a non-binding custom, not a *halacha*.

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