

# KIDDUSH LEVANA: WHEN TO SAY

## Kiddush Levana: When To Say: Molad

Although the traditional time to say *kiddush levana* is after *Shabbat*, you may say *kiddush levana* from the third day (three periods of 24 hours) after the *molad* until 14 days and 18 hours after the *molad*. Ideal is after seven 24-hour periods.

## Kiddush Levana: When To Say: Custom not To Say

It is customary not to say *kiddush levana*:

- During the *Nine Days* before and including *Tish'a b'Av*;
- On Friday night, and
- On the evening of a *Jewish festival*.

Many people also have the custom not to say *kiddush levana* during the first 10 days of *Tishrei*.

However, you should do so if you do not expect to see the moon on any other night (due to weather or other factors), rather than miss the chance to say it that month. If you do say *kiddush levana* on Friday night or the after nightfall of a *Jewish festival*, say only the blessing, not the *Psalms* and other phrases that are normally said.

## Kiddush Levana: When To Say: Night

You may say *kiddush levana* (blessing on the new moon) only at night, after dark/*tzeit ha'kochavim*.

## Kiddush Levana: When To Say: When No Dark

At the high latitudes, you may say *kiddush levana* during any season when the sky gets dark but not during seasons when the sky does not get dark.

## Kiddush Levana: When To Say: Shabbat

You may say *kiddush levana* on *Shabbat*, if needed.

## EXAMPLES

- *Shabbat* is the last possible night that month to say *kiddush levana*.
- The forecast is for clouds for the other nights until it will be too late that month to say *kiddush levana*.

**NOTE** On *Shabbat*, say only the blessing of *kiddush levana*, not the *psalms* or other phrases (*psukim*).