PASSOVER NIGHT(S): MA'ARIV

Timing of Ma'ariv on Seder Night(s)

- *Ma'ariv* on the first night of *Passover* may begin at sunset. But since the *seder* may not be started until after dark, the custom is to begin *ma'ariv* a little before dark.
- The second *seder* may also not be started until after dark. *Ma'ariv* on the second night of *Passover* may be said from *plag ha'mincha*, 1 1/4 hours before sunset.
- <u>Ma'ariv</u> on the seventh and eighth days of *Passover* may be started as early as <u>plag ha'mincha</u>, 1 1/4 hours before sunset.

Hallel after Ma'ariv

People who have the custom of saying <u>hallel</u> after <u>ma'ariv</u> on the first night of <u>Passover</u> also say <u>hallel</u> on the second night (outside of <u>Eretz Yisrael</u>).

HaMapil on Passover

On the first two nights of *Passover*, before going to sleep, just say *shema* and the *ha'mapil* blessing.

REASON The first night (two nights outside of <u>Eretz Yisrael</u>) is considered to have special Divine protection, so we omit the extra paragraphs in the final parts of the prayer.

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