

SE'UDA SHLISHIT: WHEN TO EAT

When To Eat Se'uda Shlishit with Bread

The ideal is to wash hands and say *ha'motzi* for *se'uda shlishit* before sunset. However, you may still say *ha'motzi* for *se'uda shlishit* until 2 minutes before dark (*tzeit ha'kochavim*) if you have not yet eaten your *se'uda shlishit*. Once you have begun your meal before sunset, you may continue until long after dark.

When To Eat Se'uda Shlishit without Bread

If you are eating a snack without bread, you must finish eating and say the after-blessing by at least 2 minutes before dark.

If you washed and ate bread, you may continue your meal even after dark.

Latest Time You May Eat on Shabbat

If you finished eating (and saying *birkat ha'mazon/bracha achrona* for) a full meal or even a snack that you intended to constitute your *se'uda shlishit*, you may not eat any more once the sun has set on Saturday until after you have made or heard *havdala*.

NOTE If you did not intend for the food to constitute your *se'uda shlishit*, see When To Eat *Se'uda Shlishit* with Bread or When To Eat *Se'uda Shlishit* without Bread, above.

Eating Se'uda Shlishit before Mincha

If you will not have time to start *se'uda shlishit* after *mincha* but before sunset, you may eat *se'uda shlishit* before *mincha*.

NOTE Eating *se'uda shlishit* before *mincha* is preferable to beginning eating *se'uda shlishit* after sunset.