

Kaarah

Kitzur Hilchos Yerushalmi – Halacha derived from Gemara Yerushalmi

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Kiddush

One should say the brocho over the day (kiddush) first then the wine. However, if he did it reverse, he fulfills his obligation even initially.

Kiddush of the night is said only over wine. Cognac and brandy are acceptable.

The proper order is to wash hands, make kiddush, and then proceed to eat challah (bread). *Editor's note: this follows the proper procedure of tummeh-tahara cleanliness, for both the wine and the bread. There is no problem that there is a 'break' between washing and eating bread. A person will watch his or her hands' cleanliness through the kiddush and eating bread process.*

The custom came for kiddush to be said in shul Friday night because there may be those that could not afford wine for kiddush. If wine was not secured until after the meal then the wine is used to say birchas hamazon and the order is: hamazon, day, wine. *Editor's note: in such a case the brocho for the day should be made over the bread or main substance of the meal. The meal should not be eaten without sanctifying the day, and therefore, in bound circumstances, it can be made over the bread.*

Havdalah

The brocho over Havdalah is said first, then over wine or beer. However, if he did it reverse, he fulfills his obligation even initially. Order of brochos: Havdalah, fragrance, light, then wine.

Havdalah may be said over wine, whisky, liquor, or beer.

When Yom Tov follows Shabbos, the order is: Havdalah, light, day (kiddush), wine, zman (shechianu). However, following the order of wine, day, light, Havdalah, zman is also correct, initially. *Editor's note: The reason for the Gemara for the first order seems to be is that it makes most logical sense to first finish up with Shabbos, the higher sanctity. Say Havdalah and then the brocha on light. Now that it is no longer Shabbos, turn to Yom Tov, and recite a brocha on the wine and finish with zman (shechianu). The other opinion, recited in the Yerushalmi and prevailing in the Bavli, is because the order of regular Havdalah follows those who say the order is fragrance, light, then Havdalah. It should be noted that Yerushalayim and Yaoneh (the south) followed the first opinion, and Tivorya and Kfar Nachman (north) followed the second.*