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Kitzur Hilchos Yerushalmi – Halacha derived from Gemara Yerushalmi

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Birchas Hamazon

Groups in the same hall or house that can see each other, they may combine. If not, they cannot combine. Even if in two houses, if they see each other, they may combine. This applies only if they eat with the understanding to combine. *Editor's note: This is only if they are being served the same meal. We already learned that even if sitting in the same room or traveling together, but not eating the same meal, they do not combine.*

If they are all eating from the same host or seuda (i.e. a charity dinner or wedding) and are in different rooms the halacha is: if they pass from room to room and have the understanding that they are really one party, then they combine. If not, then they do not combine. A leader that is in one central hall that sees all guests can lead them all.

When holding a cup of wine over Birchas Hamazon: hold it above the table in the right hand and look at it. The cup must hold at least a *reviis* of wine, must be full, and tasting from the cup renders it unfit. *Editor's note: Clarification is needed as why this is so. If it is because it is not full, it said it had to be full, so that would be obvious. It could be that one would think since it was full, and one tasted from it just to see if it was drinkable (properly diluted), then that would not make it unfit. It comes to teach us it is unfit from tasting it. If it is because of "germs" that is difficult to understand. The Gemara times were not known for being squeamish about germs. Sure, one should not pray near smells and the tummeah-tahara laws are basically hygiene laws, but the fact that one person drank from it that it would render it unfit would be a chiddush. Therefore, kos pagum is that it goes with what the Gemara says is preference: it should be a rinsed cup and crowned. Thus, tasting of the cup ruins that "crowned and clean cup" presentation.*

Preferably, the cup should be full to the top so that it "crowns" the top, and it should be poured into a rinsed cup.

Birchas Hamazon is preferably said while sitting. One may say it standing but should not say it leaning or walking.

Brochos

A bracha is only made when the food is ready to eat.

Shabbos

Honoring the day seuda of Shabbos takes precedence (if there are limited means) over the night seuda. However, kiddush of night seuda takes precedence over kiddush for day seuda.