

ASK THE RABBI

Question: At what point is one obligated to say birkat hamazon with a zimun?

Answer: When one bentshes with two other men over thirteen all three are obligated in zimun. The obligation doesn't allow one to bentsh separately. That obligation begins as soon as all three eat together. Even if they haven't eaten together the entire meal, but only had desert together, when they bentsh, they must do so together with a zimun.