



Passover

GUIDE



אהבת תורה

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PREPARATION FOR PESACH

Mechirat Chametz

Any large quantities of Chametz which cannot be disposed should be put into a separate closed and marked location and completely sold to a non-Jew. Please note, one should preferably physically dispose of all actual Chametz (bread, cereal, etc.) rather than include such substances in the sale. That which cannot be disposed of, however, will be included in the sale. Any of the Rabbis can act as an intermediary in the selling of Chametz to a non-Jew for the Pesach period.

The Rabbis will be available to be appointed as your agent to sell chametz at shul following Mincha/Maariv on April 8-11 from 7:50-8:05pm, April 14-18 from 7:55-8:10pm, and April 21 from 8:05-8:20pm. Click [here](#) for a printable form. Those who are unable to attend shul in person can fill out the online form available for members: click [here](#). Please note, it is halachically preferable to appoint the Rabbis as your agents in person, rather than on-line. All on-line forms must be received by April 22 at 7am. The custom is to make a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund when submitting a contract. Click [here](#) to make donations.

Maot Chitim

Maot Chitim is a long-held tradition to contribute generously towards funds that ensure that everyone who is in need has the means to celebrate Pesach properly. Please click [here](#) to donate to our Maot Chitim fund.

KITCHEN PREPARATION

Englewood Keylim Mikvah (for utensils):

The Keylim Mikvah can be accessed through the main synagogue entrance and is located on the lower level of the building. It is open during Synagogue hours and can be accessed outside of the Synagogue office hours with a Congregation Ahavath Torah member's access card. Please contact the shul office if you need an access card. The combination code to enter the Keylim Mikvah is C613. Please be sensitive to the cleanliness of the Mikvah and trash all cardboard, stickers and boxes in the trash bin located in the mikvah. Donations to the Mikvah are appreciated and can be inserted into the tzedaka box located in the Keylim Mikvah.

Communal Keylim Kashering

In general, separate dishes and utensils should be used during the holiday. This year Pre-Pesach Communal Kashering will take place in the synagogue kitchen on Monday, April 15 from 8:00pm-9:30 pm.

Keylim Kashering Guidelines:

We highly recommend you bring your items in mesh bags, such as those used for laundering socks, etc.

Some year-round silverware and utensils may be koshered for Pesach. At this time, however, we can only accommodate Kiddush cups, trays 8" or smaller in diameter, or similar single items.

All utensils to be koshered must be completely cleaned and not have been used for 24 hours prior to koshering.

The following items CANNOT BE KASHERED:

1. Chinaware, pottery, plastics and all types of earthenware.
2. Utensils which have dents or cracks that cannot be reached by glowing heat.
3. Vessels which have an area which cannot be cleaned and scoured from within.
4. Pyrex dishes or any other glassware regularly used for hot food.
5. Teflon and similarly coated ware.
6. Silverware with glued-on handles, plastic handles or wooden handles.

Sorry, we cannot Kasher the following items during this Kashering session:

1. Items requiring Kashering by burning
2. Frying pans
3. Large pots

KASHERING AND KASHRUT RESOURCES

The Kashrut industry has produced a number of high-quality, easy to follow guides. The following guide produced by the Chicago Rabbinical Council is one of the most user-friendly and most in line with our community's standards and practices.

The following are the most relevant portions for preparing your home and shopping for Pesach:

[Kashering the Kitchen](#) (pdf) or type into your browser bit.ly/KasherKitchen

- Which Items Can Be Kashered?
- Countertops
- Tevillas Keylim

[Shopping Guide](#) (pdf) or type into your browser bit.ly/CATshopping

[Medicine and Cosmetics](#) (pdf) or type into your browser bit.ly/MedCosm

[Pets](#) (pdf) or type into your browser bit.ly/PesachPets

[Click here for the complete Guide](#) or type into your browser bit.ly/CRCPesachGuide

LAWS AND TIMES CONCERNING CHAMETZ

Bedika and Biur - The home, car and any area in which Chametz has regularly been eaten should be fully cleaned during the weeks preceding Pesach. All Chametz found during this cleaning must be properly disposed of. On Sunday night, April 21, as soon as possible after 8:26pm., the home is carefully searched by candlelight or by flashlight for any remaining Chametz. The blessing for this search can be found in the Haggadah or Artscroll Siddur. All Chametz found during the search, together with all other Chametz remaining in our possession, (which we have not sold; see below) is then burned on Monday morning, April 22 by **11:46am**.

Bitul Chametz - In addition to physically destroying the Chametz of which we are aware, as an added precaution, we also nullify our ownership over any Chametz which we may have missed. The formula for this nullification (Kol Chamira) is found in the Haggadah and is recited after the search and on Monday morning before **11:46am**, immediately after the burning of the Chametz. As this formula deals with the legal concept of ownership, we must fully understand what we are saying and have full intent to nullify our ownership over any remaining Chametz. The English text of the Kol Chamira can be said as follows: "All Chametz and leavening that may still be in my property which I have or have not seen, which I may have or have not removed, of whose existence I have or have no knowledge, shall be considered ownerless and deemed as valueless as the dust of the earth."

Mechirat Chametz - Any large quantities of Chametz which cannot be disposed of in the above manner, are put into a separate closed and marked location and completely sold to a non-Jew. Please note: one should preferably physically dispose of all actual Chametz (bread, cereal, etc.) rather than include such substances in the sale. That which cannot be disposed of, however, will be included in the sale. Rabbi Poupko or Rabbi Goldberg can act as an intermediary in the selling of Chametz to a non-Jew for the Pesach period (**please see the scheduled times for Mechirat Chametz**). When this is done, the seller should remember not to eat the Chametz in question for some time after Pesach is over in order to allow the Rabbi the opportunity to repurchase the products from the non-Jew. (This year such Chametz should not be eaten before **10pm**) All donations from the sale of Chametz will be allocated for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

PESACH TIMETABLE

A. **Bedikat Chametz- Sunday, April 21**, as soon after 8:26pm as possible.

B. **Fast of the First Born** - The Fast of the First Born is observed this year on Monday, April 22. Services that morning will begin at 6:15am, 7:15am, and 8am. A Siyum will be held after each service and will be capped by a Seudat Mitzvah (meal in celebration of a Mitzvah) which will exempt all first-born males in attendance from their obligation to fast.

C. **The Hafsakah-after which Chametz may not be eaten** - occurs on Monday, April 21, **10:38am**. Chametz should be nullified by **11:46am**

D. **Biur Chametz-The Burning of the Chametz** - is performed on Monday, April 22 and should be completed by **11:46am**. Communal burning will take place in the CAT parking lot from 8:30-11:00am. The nullification formula should be recited.

**The Sedorim take place this year on
Monday evening, April 22 and Tuesday evening, April 23**

Monday Evening, April 22: Candle lighting at 7:26pm; Seder after 8:27pm

Chatzos (Halachic midnight): 12:54am

Tuesday Evening, April 23: Candle lighting and second Seder after 8:29pm.

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*** Last Days of Pesach** - The last days of Pesach, Sunday Night, April 28 through Tuesday, April 30

Sunday Evening, April 28: Candle lighting at 7:32pm

Monday Evening, April 29: Candle lighting at 8:36pm

Yizkor is recited on **Tuesday, April 30**

*** Pesach concludes** on Tuesday, April 30 at 8:37pm

PURCHASING OF CHAMETZ AFTER PASSOVER

All stores under supervision of the Va'ad Harabanim, Rabbinical Council of Bergen County (RCBC), may be patronized immediately after Pesach. We strongly urge you to support these establishments.

Additionally, the following stores are either non-Jewish owned or have sold their chametz properly: Acme, BJ's, Costco, CVS, Duane Reade, K-Mart, Rite Aid, Sam's Club, Seven-Eleven (7-11), ShopRite of Englewood and Paramus, Stop and Shop in Teaneck, Target, Trader Joe's, Walmart, Walgreen's, and Whole Foods may be patronized immediately after Pesach.

*** Pesach concludes** on Tuesday, April 30 at 8:37pm - Chametz sold through the Rabbis can be eaten after 10:00pm (Easter Time Zone).