

# פסח Passover

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# 10 Easy Steps to Prepare Your Kitchen for Passover



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## Make Space, You'll Need It

Set aside a special Pesach area. Empty and clean only the number of cabinets you will need for Pesach food and utensils. Simply clean the outside of the others and tape them closed.

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## Separating between Passover and Everyday

Refrigerators should be cleaned, inside and out. Some people also cover the shelves with foil. You should place a piece of foil in one area and keep your chametz food there until the onset of the holiday. Remember to reserve a place on your counters, too.

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## Ovens are Easy, Toasters are Not

Decide how many days in advance you can do without your oven. First, thoroughly scrub and clean the oven. Then, set it to the highest heat for ½ hour (500 degrees or more). If it is self-cleaning, scrub, then run through a self-clean cycle. Speaking of toaster ovens, simply put them away for the holiday.

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## Stove Tops are a Hot Item

Stoves can be kashered by a thorough scrubbing, then turned on to the highest heat for 15 minutes.



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## Microwaves are Modern, and Complicated

Microwaves can be kashered by a thorough scrubbing, then placing a glass of water inside and running it on high for a few minutes until it fills with steam and the water disappears. A microwave that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

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## A Dishwasher on Passover is a Lifesaver

Dishwashers can be kashered by scouring, not using for 24 hours, and then running it empty through a full cycle.



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## Everything has to be Taken Apart

Electrical appliances can be kashered if the individual parts can be removed and kashered in the appropriate way (metal or glass). If the parts that come into contact with chametz cannot be removed, it cannot be kashered.

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## Some Things Need to be Covered

Countertops and shelves that will be used should be thoroughly cleaned. They should be covered with plastic, foil, shelf paper, or vinyl tablecloths. If you have granite surfaces, simply clean them and pour boiling water over them.

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## A Sinking Feeling

A metal sink is kashered by a thorough cleaning and pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned, and a sink rack and dish basin used throughout the holiday, as a porcelain sink cannot be kashered.

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## Now Keep it Chametz Free

Put your feet up and relax for a little while!



# Kashering your kitchen for Pesach is easy with this step-by-step video guide from Rabbi Ethan Tucker of Hadar.

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## Dishes, Utensils, Pots and Pans



Utensils used for baking during the year should be put away for the holiday.

Chinaware, enamelware, earthenware, porcelain and plastic cannot be kashered. Only dishes and cooking utensils especially reserved for Pesach should be used, with the following exceptions:

Silverware, knives, forks and spoons made wholly of metal can be kashered by a thorough cleaning and immersion in boiling water (known as Hagalah). Any utensil which is to be kashered should not be used for a period of 24 hours between the cleansing and the actual kashering by immersion.

Here's how:

Bring a kosher for Passover pot of water to a rolling boil

Dip the silverware into the water one piece at a time, until it is totally immersed (or you can do several in a net bag). They're kosher. When you polish them (what would Bubbe think?!), make sure you use Kosher-for-Passover polish.

## GLASSES

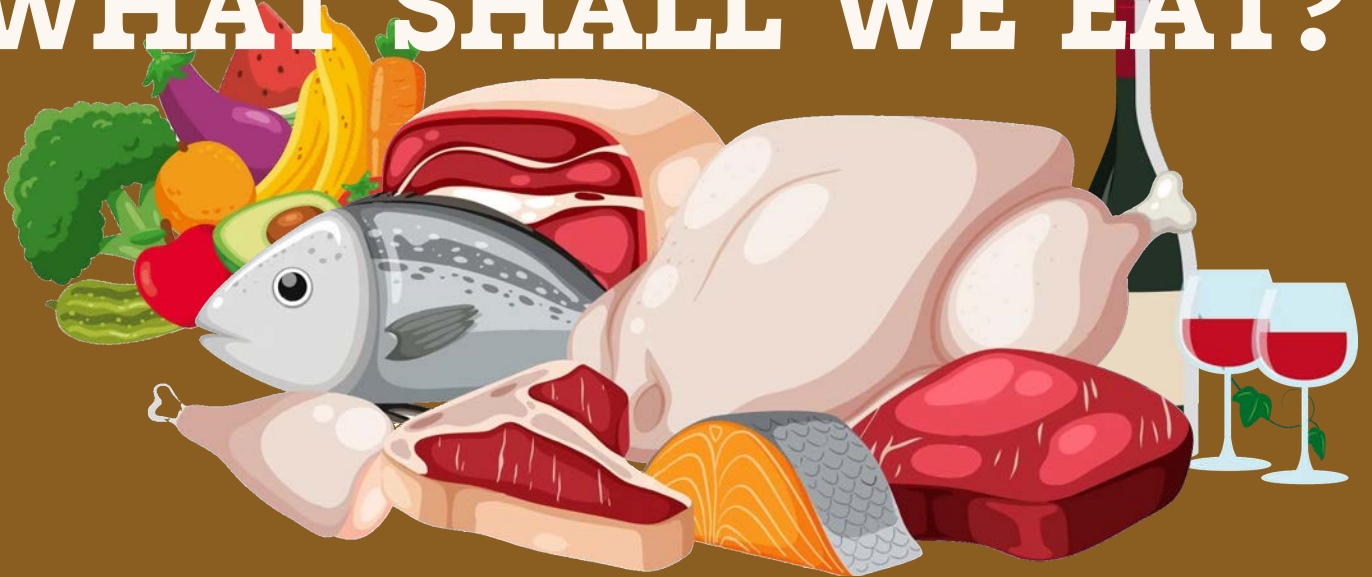
There are two acceptable methods:

1. Immerse the glassware in room-temperature water for 72 hours, changing the water every 24 hours.
2. Clean them, then run them through a dishwasher cycle (the dishwasher must already have been scrubbed).

Though it is not easy to balance Pesach preparation with chametz meals, it certainly can lead one to creative solutions. Enjoy the warm weather and eat on the deck, porch, or a picnic on the lawn. Little things make it fun and keep you from constantly worrying about mixing things together.



# WHAT SHALL WE EAT?



## Permitted Foods:

**\*\*The following do not require Kosher-for-Pesach labels if purchased before Pesach:**

- Sugar
- Pure tea
- Non-iodized salt
- Pepper
- Natural spices
- Frozen uncooked vegetables with no additives
- Frozen uncooked fruit with no additives
- Milk (however, if milk is purchased during Pesach, it must be K-for-P).

**\*\*The following do not require Kosher-for-Pesach labels if purchased before or during Pesach:**

- Fresh fruits
- Vegetables
- Eggs
- Kosher fresh fish
- Kosher fresh (not frozen) meat

**\*\*Don't be confused! The following do require Kosher-for-Pesach labels:**

Fresh fruits

- Canned or bottled fruit juices (even if they seem to be pure)
- Canned tuna
- Wine
- Vinegar
- Liquor
- Oils
- Dried Fruit
- Candy
- Ice Cream
- Yogurt
- Butter
- Cream Cheese
- Soda

## A quick note on Gluten-Free Matzah:

- **Matzah is the only mandatory food at the seder that is usually gluten-based. Of the 5 grains that can turn to chametz and from which matzah is made, only oats are gluten-free. Gluten-free oat matzah is available at Publix and Food Lion in limited supply and online at Amazon.**

# WHAT SHALL WE NOT EAT?

## Prohibited Foods:

- Leavened bread
- Cakes
- Biscuits
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Flavored Coffee
- Wheat
- Barley
- Oats
- Spelt
- Rye
- Any liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol



## What is Chametz?

The Rabbis specified five grains that are the source of chametz: wheat, barley, spelt, rye, and oats. When these five grains come into contact with water they begin to ferment and rise. Once that process begins the mixture is considered Chametz and forbidden on Passover.





## Kitniyot on Pesach

For nearly 700 years, there has been one defining difference between the way Ashkenazim and Sephardim observe Passover - kitniyot. Kitniyot are food stuffs such as rice, legumes and seeds. These foods are not chametz, but Ashkenazi Jews have refrained from eating them on Pesach since the Middle Ages for various reasons, including to avoid any mix-ups with forbidden flours.

In 2015, the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, which guides Conservative Jewish practice, issued a teshuvah, a *legal ruling*, that permitted Ashkenazi Jews to eat kitniyot on Passover. It was a somewhat controversial decision, creating a new division, not just between Sephardim and Ashkenazim, but now between Ashkenazi Jews who will and won't eat kitniyot on Passover. Synagogue Emanu-El will continue to follow the Ashkenazi custom of abstaining from kitniyot during Passover; however, we recognize that some families may choose to follow this new-ish custom.

**The 2015 teshuvah did give those who want to buy and eat kitniyot guidance on how to do so. The five main guidelines are as follows:**



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| <p><b>01</b></p> <p><b>Corn and Beans</b></p> <p>Fresh corn on the cob or beans are treated like other vegetables. They may be purchased before Pesach without concern of chametz.</p> | <p><b>02</b></p> <p><b>Dried Kitniyot</b></p> <p>Dried kitniyot, such as rice or dried beans, if not certified as Kosher-for-Passover, must be sifted before Pesach and checked for chametz. If any chametz is found, it should be discarded. The kitniyot may still be used on Pesach.</p> | <p><b>03</b></p> <p><b>Canned Products</b></p> <p>Canned kitniyot must be certified as Kosher-for-Passover.</p> |
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| <p><b>04</b></p> <p><b>Buy Before Passover</b></p> <p>Frozen, raw kitniyot may be purchased before Pesach, without certification, so long as it can be absolutely verified that no shared equipment was used. If not, the kitniyot must be inspected.</p> | <p><b>05</b></p> <p><b>Fresh is Easier</b></p> <p>All processed foods need Kosher-for-Passover certification.</p> |  |
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# Kitniyot on Pesach- Con't

It is important to remember that kitniyot are not chametz. Anyone should feel comfortable in a home where the custom to eat kitniyot is observed, understanding that eating in that home does not violate any observance of Passover.

Rabbi Ravski believes that the lack of both chametz and kitniyot in our diets on Passover contributes to a feeling that everything about our lives, most notably our eating habits, changes so that Passover truly feels different from the rest of the year. For many of us, it is the foods of the holiday, the recipes, which have been handed down for generations, that define our emotional connections to the holiday, that make it a joyous moment because we feel as though we are sitting at the seder table with our loved ones of generations past.

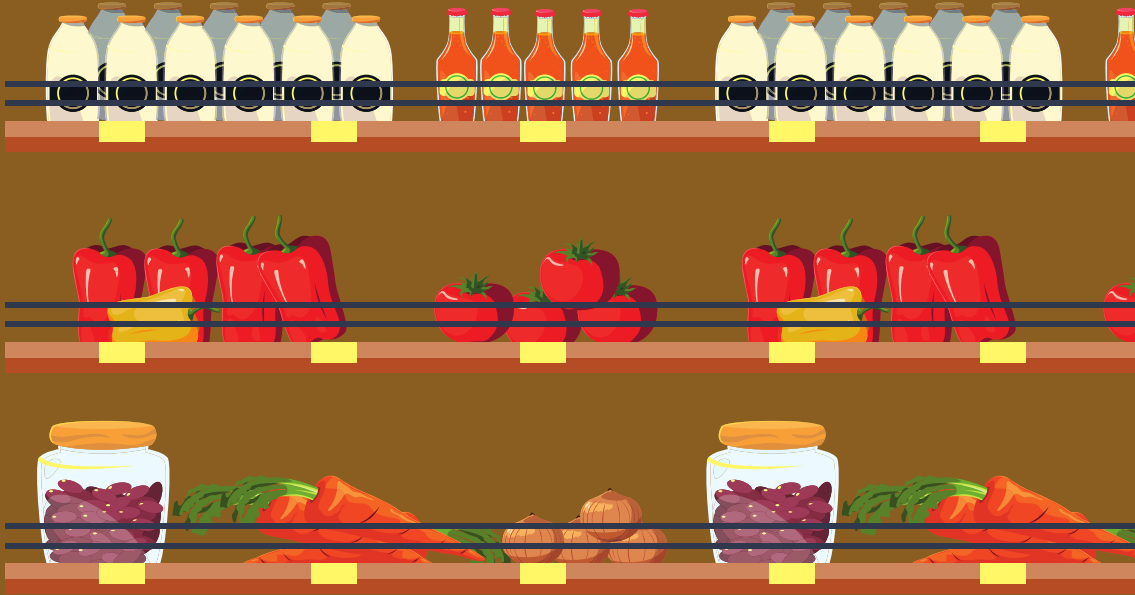
Yes, keeping Kosher for Passover can be difficult and challenging, but it is partly that challenge and that struggle that reminds us of what our ancestors endured in order for us to sit freely at the seder as we celebrate Passover.



It is, in part, the custom of avoiding kitniyot that reminds Ashkenazi Jews of the narrative of the Exodus while also connecting us to our more recent familial histories, enhancing and deepening our love for all the laws and customs that make Passover feel so special, unique, and holy.

Thankfully, one of the greatest strengths of the Conservative Movement is that there is a wide spectrum of ritual approaches to Jewish law and tradition. This means that, regarding kitniyot, there is space that permits maintaining minhag avoteinu, the traditions of our ancestors, as well as a space for following the Sephardic tradition of eating those foods during Pesach. Both are valid approaches to maintaining a Kosher-for-Passover home and both are beautiful and meaningful ways of celebrating the holiday, as long as one is scrupulous in avoiding chametz.

# Expert Advice on Shopping for Passover



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Your Neighborhood Food Market



Over the past few years, our partnership with [Food Lion on Savannah Highway in West Ashley](#) has yielded some incredible results for the availability of kosher food in Charleston. Not only are they major sponsors of Emanu-El's Charleston Kosher BBQ, but they are also in constant conversation with the community about how they can continue to expand their selection. Without question, when shopping in person, your first stop should be here.

In Charleston the task of shopping for Passover often seems greater with no centralized 'one-stop-shop' for Passover food. Often, to get everything needed means multiple trips to multiple stores, maybe a trip to Atlanta, and then still going from supermarket to supermarket at the last minute looking for everything you may need. It has never been an easy task preparing for Passover and living in Charleston. This section of the guide, though, will hopefully make the hunt just a bit easier this year.

# Shopping Online

We live in a world where shopping looks very different than in any other generation. While supporting our local supermarkets is essential to continuing to build great relationships in the broader community, there are still many items and ingredients we need during Passover that can't be found in local stores. This is where the internet can help. It's now relatively easy to find everything you need for Passover - from brisket to shmura matza - online.

Check out these online retailers that will deliver many of your KfP food needs right to your door!

## Baking

### [ohnuts.com](http://ohnuts.com)

Known for its kosher candy gift boxes. At Passover, ohnuts.com transforms into a full online supermarket for all your Passover baking and cooking needs.

## Wine

### [kosherwine.com](http://kosherwine.com)

The absolute best source for kosher wine. Shipping is fast (and free depending on your order). Use their recommendations or create your own case.

## General Groceries

### [glattkosherstore.com](http://glattkosherstore.com)

If you need it for Passover, they have it for Passover! A full online supermarket.

## Meat

### [primenosh.com](http://primenosh.com), [kosh.com](http://kosh.com), [growandbehold.com](http://growandbehold.com)

These are three of the best online sites for Kosher meat. Prices vary, so watch for sales, there are other options as well, but with these service and quality is guaranteed!

## Gluten Free

### [theglutenfreeshoppe.com](http://theglutenfreeshoppe.com)

One of the best websites for gluten free matza that can be used at the seder!

# Why Eat Out When Dining In is so Easy?!



It's not only local supermarkets we support but also our local kosher caterer! Make cooking for Passover even easier by ordering from Dining In for your seders or meals during the week. Don't forget to check out Dining In's fabulous and delicious KfP menu, including Marcie's famous KfP fried chicken! Details at [diningininc.com](http://diningininc.com)

# Bidikat Chametz — Search for Chametz

After nightfall on Sunday, April 21st, we search our homes for chametz. Any chametz still to be eaten should be put together in one designated area. You will need a feather (or toothbrush), wooden spoon, and a candle (or flashlight) for the search. Place pieces of chametz (usually pieces of bread) in ten different places around the house. Chametz is hidden so that the searcher will have something to find, and the blessing will not be said in vain. Turn off the lights and light the candle. In the room in which the search will begin, one should say,

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר  
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל בְּעוֹר חָמֵץ.

“Baruch atah, Adonai, Elohaynu melech ho’alom asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav vetzivanu al bi’ur chametz.”

“Praised are you God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with the commandments, and commanded us to burn chametz.”

Using the lit candle, search the house for chametz, and use the feather or toothbrush to sweep it into the newspaper. Put all the chametz into the bag. It is fun to divide the responsibilities so that one person handles the candle, another the feather, etc. When all the chametz has been found and gathered, the following is said: “Any leaven that may still be in the house, which I have not seen or have not removed, shall be as if it does not exist, like the dust of the earth.”

# Biur Chametz — Burning the Chametz

The next morning, Monday, April 22nd, the chametz that was found in the search is burned. Recite the following before burning this chametz: “All leaven and anything leavened that is in my possession, whether I have seen it or not, whether I have observed it or not, whether I have removed it or not, shall be considered nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth.”

The following is said during the burning of the chametz: “May it be Your will, Lord, our God and God of our ancestors, that just as I remove the chametz from my house and from my possession, so shall You remove all the extraneous forces. Remove the spirit of impurity from the earth, remove our evil inclination from us, and grant us a heart of flesh to serve You in truth. Make all the sitra achara, all the kelipot, and all wickedness be consumed in smoke, and remove the dominion of evil from the earth. Remove with a spirit of destruction and a spirit of judgment all that distress the Shekhina (God), just as You destroyed Egypt and its idols in those days, at this time. Amen, Selah.”

# Mechirat Chametz— Selling the Chametz



In preparation for Pesach, we rid our homes, cars and work spaces of as much chametz as possible. However, that is virtually impossible! The Rabbis recognized this and created a means by which we can fulfill this obligation, without throwing out pounds and pounds of food, and without being concerned with the small crumbs we may have missed. The ritual that was devised was to sell all the remaining chametz to someone who is not bound by the prohibitions of Pesach.



Synagogue Emanu-El is happy to help facilitate this sale on your behalf. You can find the form to sell your chametz on the Emanu-El website. Please fill it out and return it to the office by **8:00am on Monday, April 22nd!**

We will arrange to repurchase it for you at the end of the holiday, on **Tuesday, April 30th at 8:45pm.**



To sell your chametz, please fill out and return this form to Emanu-El before 8:00am on April 22nd. You can also sell your Chametz online at [www.emanu-el.com/chametz](http://www.emanu-el.com/chametz)

It is our honor and responsibility to be your agents for this sale.

I/We hereby authorize Rabbi Evan Ravski to sell all chametz of any kind that is in my/our possession before Pesach 5784.

Name(s):

Address(es) – List home, office or any other addresses where you might own chametz:

Signature:

It is customary to make a donation when arranging for the sale of chametz. Please make checks payable to Synagogue Emanu-El and know that these funds help provide for the less fortunate at this holiday season.

Donation enclosed: \$

# Ta'anit B'chorim

## Fast of the First Born

*\*Siyyum- the completion of study of a piece of text, accompanied by a celebratory meal*

The Fast of the Firstborn (Ta'anit B'chorim) commemorates the horrific tenth plague that God inflicted on Pharaoh and the Egyptian people. After Pharaoh again refused to let the Children of Israel go, Moses warned of the impending plague that would see the death of every first-born child in the land. We are grateful the Israelite children were spared, we are also empathetic to the suffering of the Egyptians, and so first-born Jews fast on Erev Pesach.

Because this is a minor fast, the rabbis initiated the practice of holding a siyyum after morning services. As a celebratory moment, the siyyum overrides the minor fast, and those present are not required to fast for the rest of the day.

Therefore, any firstborn person present at our morning minyan and subsequent ten-minute siyyum may eat. The service (and nosh afterwards) will be on Monday, April 22nd at 7:30am.



# Brachot-Blessings for Candle Lighting

## THE FIRST TWO AND LAST TWO NIGHTS OF PESACH

We light candles on the first two nights of Pesach, April 22nd and 23rd, and on the last two, April 28th and 29th.

On these nights the blessing we say is:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ  
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב

Baruch Ata Adonai  
Eloheinu melech haOlam,  
asher kiddishanu  
b'mitzvotav ve'tzivanu  
le'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

## SHE'HECHIYANU

On the **first two nights** of Pesach we also add the She'hechiyanu blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ  
הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה

Baruch Ata Adonai  
Eloheinu melech haOlam,  
she'hechiyanu  
ve'kiyemanu ve'higgianu  
laz'man ha'zeh.

## AN EXTRA CANDLE

On Yom Tov, a holiday, a flame may be transferred from one candle to another. Some have the custom of lighting a long-burning candle to serve as a pre-existing flame throughout the first and last two days of the holiday. There is no blessing for this candle.



# Artist-in-Residence Jordan Gorfinkel

April 5th-6th, 2024



Jordan B. Gorfinkel, also known as Gorf, is an American comic book creator, newspaper cartoonist, and an animation and multi-media entertainment producer. Gorfinkel was an editor at DC Comics for nearly a decade where he managed the Batman franchise. His most notable additions to the Batman universe include Birds of Prey which was adapted into a 2002 network television series of the same name, and a 2020 film, and Batman: No Man's Land, which served as inspiration for The Dark Knight Rises, and Season 5 of the TV series Gotham.

In January 2019, Gorfinkel released the Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel with Israeli illustrator Erez Zadok, published by Koren Publishers Jerusalem.

As we begin to prepare for Passover, we will spend a Shabbat learning from Gorf about how this incredible Haggadah came to be, how to make our Seders engaging and how to use art to enhance and deepen our connection to ancient rituals.

Watch your email for more details and registration!

# Shavuot

June 11th-13th, 2024



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**Basket Making Workshop:**  
**Sunday, June 9th @ 1:00pm**  
**Tuesday, June 11th @ 5:30pm**

Shavuot is a holiday about learning Torah and giving thanks for the bounty that is in our lives. In ancient times people would bring baskets filled with the first produce of the summer season to offer as a thanksgiving sacrifice in the Temple. Join us in celebrating a holiday all about Torah and agriculture, as we learn to weave traditional Charleston sweetgrass. Each participant will make something of their own, and maybe even learn a little Torah too!

## Tikkun Leil Shavuot

**Tuesday, June 11th @ 8:00pm**

Our annual Night of Learning or Tikkun Leil Shavuot. We recreate the Israelites' experience of eagerly anticipating receiving the Torah by staying up late into the night learning Torah. Join us as we explore this year's theme - Revelation, taught by Rabbi Ravski, Rabbi Iliana Brodsky and Pastor A.J. Houseman, Campus Pastor at St. Matthews Lutheran Church



*\*\*The Giving of the Torah"- Torah cover  
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# Pesach Schedule



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**Pesach is the ultimate home holiday. It takes the most work, but it also allows us the most wonderful collection of home traditions. This guide is meant to help walk you through the various rituals of home preparation. Don't hesitate to call or email the Rabbi with questions.**

*Chag Kasher v' Sameach—  
A Zissen Pesach—  
a Joyous and Kosher Passover—  
Rabbi Evan Ravski*

## **April 21-After Dark**

Bidikat Chametz/Search for Chametz

## **April 22**

Fast of the Firstborn, Shacharit minyan and Siyyum at 7:30am.

Last time to sell your chametz is 8:00am.

Stop eating chametz by 10:45am.

Burn chametz before 12:00pm.

Candle lighting for Yom Tov is at 7:37pm, followed by the first seder.

## **April 23**

Yom Tov services begin at 9:30am.

Candle lighting for Yom Tov is at 8:26pm.

Second seder.

## **April 24**

Yom Tov services begin at 9:30am.

## **April 25-28**

Chol HaMoed Pesach

## **April 26**

Candle lighting for Shabbat Chol HaMoed is at 7:40pm.

## **April 27**

Shabbat Chol HaMoed services are at 9:30am.

Shabbat ends at 8:40pm.

## **April 28**

Candle lighting for Yom Tov is at 7:42pm.

## **April 29**

Yom Tov services begin at 9:30am.

Candle lighting for Yom Tov is at 8:43pm.

## **April 30**

Yom Tov/Yizkor services begin at 9:30am.

Pesach ends at 8:43pm.

Chametz is yours again at 8:45pm!

