

PESACH 2024 – CUSTOMS & LAWS / SERVICE TIMES

SALE OF CHOMETZ

Rabbi Pini Dunner is the agent for the sale of Chometz. He is available every morning at the Shacharit Minyan, or you can reach him on (310) 499-3407, or by email on rabbi@yinh.org.

It is preferable to see the Rabbi in person to sell your Chometz. The Chometz sale form is available at yinh.org/chometz or in the shul lobby. If you cannot meet the rabbi in person, you can fill out the form online, fax it or email it – fax # (310) 276-7018 or email office@yinh.org.

The Chometz **must be sold before Bedikat Chometz**, which this year is on Sunday, April 21st at 8:09pm (see below).

**IT IS CUSTOMARY TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PESACH FUND WHEN SELLING YOUR CHOMETZ.
THE MONEY RAISED HELPS STRUGGLING INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES CELEBRATE PESACH.
CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO 'YINBH', OR ENCLOSE CASH WITH YOUR FORM.
WE WILL DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS BEFORE PESACH HERE IN LOS ANGELES.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

Bedikat Chometz

The bedikah should start at 8:09 PM or very shortly after that time. 'Bedikah' means checking, and this process should not be carried out in a superficial fashion, as Bedikat Chometz is not merely a ritual ceremony; it is an obligation to check over one's house to make sure that no Chometz has escaped your attention. Adult members of the household should divide the rooms among themselves and perform the bedikah. If necessary, mature minor children may also help.

One person makes the beracha: **על ביעור חמץ** -- "*Al bi'ur chometz*". The custom is to say the bracha while holding a lit candle and a feather. The beracha, made once, by one person in the family, is sufficient for all those participating in the bedikah, for all rooms, houses, offices and cars that will be checked. The reason for the candle is to illuminate remote corners, nooks and crannies that might not be well lit. If it proves easier, one can use a flashlight after making the beracha.

There are those who have a custom to "hide" ten small pieces of bread, well wrapped. These ten pieces, plus any other Chometz that may be found, are burned the next morning. It is advisable to keep a written list of each place the pieces of bread have been "hidden".

Kol Chamira

After the search for Chometz is done, we are obligated to nullify any Chometz that may remain in our possession. This is a verbal declaration in which we state that we consider the Chometz no more important than the dust of the earth. Bittul (nullification) is recited twice, once after the bedikah at night, and once at the burning of the Chometz the next morning.

It is important to understand what one is saying when reciting the bittul. During the evening bittul, one is only nullifying Chometz one may not be aware of. Any Chometz of which one is still aware as being in one's possession should already have been set aside, either to be burned, sold to a gentile, or to be eaten for supper or breakfast. The morning bittul includes all Chometz, even that of which one is aware.

Going away for Pesach?

Those who are going away for Pesach should consult Rabbi Dunner regarding their obligation to perform Bedikat Chometz.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 - EREV PESACH / FIRST SEDER NIGHT

Fast of the Firstborn

The custom on Erev Pesach is for “bechorim” (firstborn sons), or fathers of pre-barmitzva bechorim, to fast, as a way of commemorating the lifesaving exclusion of Jewish bechorim on the fateful night of the tenth plague, when all the Egyptian bechorim died at the hand of God. However, another tradition offers respite from this fast through the celebration of a “siyum” – the completion of a Talmudic tractate – which, if accompanied by a meal, is counted as a festive occasion that exonerates one from having to fast.

Rabbi Pini & Sabine Dunner will sponsor a Siyum Bechorim in memory of Rabbi Dunner’s late grandfather, Rav Yosef Tzvi HaLevi Dunner z”l, whose yahrtzeit is on Erev Pesach. Pesach cookies and soft drinks will be provided, after Moshe Sassover and George Fischmann complete the last few lines of Masechet Bava Kama.

Erev Pesach – Service Times/Halachic Times

7:00 am	Shacharit
7:40 am	Siyum Bechorim - sponsored by Rabbi & Sabine Dunner in memory of Rabbi J. H. Dunner z”l
10:15 am	Must finish eating Chometz
11:33 am	Latest time to nullify/burn Chometz
7:13 pm	Candle Lighting “ <i>Le’hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov</i> ” and “ <i>She’hecheyanu</i> ”
7:10 pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Yom Tov/Maariv (followed by YINBH Seder)

EAT AFIKOMAN BEFORE 12:51 AM

The First Seder

The Seder (making Kiddush) must start at nightfall, which is at 7:59 pm. Unlike Shabbat and other holidays when we can accept the sanctity of the day early, Kiddush on Seder night cannot be made until it is actually nighttime, although on the first night one can prepare everything and get it all ready so that Kiddush can be made at the exact time of nightfall.

The Four Cups

It is preferable to use red wine (or red grape juice) for the four cups at the Seder. However, if one has a better-quality white wine, one may use it. Unless one is allergic to alcohol, grape juice should only be used to dilute the wine, and it should not be used on its own.

Size of Cup

The size of the cup must be at least a רביעית (revi’it). Opinions differ about the size of a revi’it, from just over 3 fluid oz. to 5.3 oz. The absolute minimum size of a cup for the four cups at Seder is 3.3 fluid oz.

How much should one drink for each of the Four Cups?

One should try to drink the entire cup of wine. If that is too difficult, drinking most of the cup is sufficient (i.e. not just a little sip). One must lean to the left while drinking. Both men and women are obligated to recite the Kiddush aloud, and to lean, and in fact all aspects of the Seder apply to both sexes, as the entire Jewish nation was redeemed from slavery in Egypt, both men and women.

Matza – What type, and how much should one eat?

On Seder night one should only eat **Shmura Matza**, which is Matza made from flour ground from wheat grown specifically for this purpose, and carefully protected from coming into contact with any moisture at any stage, from field to oven. Shmura Matza usually comes ‘hand-baked’ (i.e. large round Matza), but it can also be obtained in the familiar factory produced square Matza boxes. There is a Torah obligation to eat at least 2 ‘ke’zeitim’ (‘olive’ amounts) of Matza at Seder. A *kezayit* of Matza is about a quarter of a hand-baked matza, and about a third of a factory baked Matza.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 – FIRST DAY OF PESACH

“Tefillat Tal” (Prayer for Dew) – This prayer for dew is said during Mussaf, and we say *Mashiv HaRuach* for the last time until next Shemini Atzeret during the quiet Mussaf prayer.

“Sefirat HaOmer” – On the second night of Pesach we begin counting the Omer after Maariv, and we will continue counting the Omer every night, for 49 nights, until the night before Shavuot.

Service Times

9:00 am	Shacharit
11:00 am	Mussaf with Tefillat Tal
7:00 pm	Mincha
7:15 pm	Maariv/ Sefirat Ha’omer
8:00 pm	Candle lighting / Sefirat Ha’omer / Second Night Seder begins

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Second Night Candle lighting:

“L’hadlik ner shel Yom Tov” and *“Shehecheyanu”*

Remember that one must never create a new flame on Yom Tov, such as by striking a match.

The flame for candle lighting, or for lighting a new gas ring to cook on a stove, can only be lit by taking fire from an existing flame. Many people leave a 24-hour yahrzeit candle burning specifically for the purpose of having a ready source of fire to use as-and-when it is required.

Maariv/Sefirat HaOmer

We begin the counting of the Omer after Maariv on the second night of Pesach.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 – SECOND DAY OF PESACH

8:15 am	Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Dunner
9:00 am	Shacharit
7:20 pm	Mincha
7:30 pm	Shiur
8:09 pm	Maariv / Havdalah

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 – FIRST DAY OF CHOL HAMOED PESACH

8:00 am	Shacharit (includes <i>hallel</i> and <i>mussaf</i>)
7:20 pm	Mincha/Maariv/Sefirat Ha’omer

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 – SECOND DAY OF CHOL HAMOED PESACH

8:00 am	Shacharit (includes <i>hallel</i> and <i>mussaf</i>)
6:30 pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv/Sefirat Ha'omer
7:15 pm	Candlelighting – " <i>L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat</i> "

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 – SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PESACH

8:15 am	Rabbi's Gemara Shiur
9:00 am	Shacharit
7:20 pm	Mincha
7:40 pm	Seudat Shlishit
8:10 pm	Maariv
8:14 pm	Shabbat ends

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 – FOURTH DAY OF CHOL HAMOED PESACH

8:00 am	Shacharit
6:30 pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Yomtov/Maariv/Sefirat Ha'omer
7:17 pm	Candlelighting – " <i>L'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov</i> " - NO "SHEHECHEYANU"

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024 – SHEVI'I SHEL PESACH

8:15am	Rabbi's Gemara Shiur
9:00am	Shacharit
7:20pm	Mincha
7:30 pm	Maariv
8:13 pm	Candlelighting/Kiddush - " <i>Le'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov</i> " - NO "SHEHECHEYANU" Light 24-Hour Yizkor Candles – candles should be lit from existing flame.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 – ACHARON SHEL PESACH / YIZKOR

8:15am	Rabbi's Gemara Shiur
9:00 am	Shacharit
10:45 am (approx.)	YIZKOR
7:15 pm	Mincha
7:35 pm	Seudat Moshiach
8:15 pm	Maariv
8:17 pm	Yom Tov ends
8:45 pm	Chametz that was sold by Rabbi Dunner will be available to use/eat