

PRE-PESACH MITZVOT

Siyyum B'khorim - The completion of a serious study of a full Jewish text in honor of the firstborn, is a ceremony that takes place this year on Friday, April 19, at our morning minyan which begins at 7 a.m. Firstborn children are obligated to fast before the first seder in gratitude for having been spared during the last plague. Many sources suggest that this fast is for males and females, firstborn of either the mother or the father. This fast can be waived by attending a completion of a serious study of a Jewish text, or "siyyum," which is followed by a festive breakfast.

This year Rabbi Elliot Pachter will complete a study of Talmud. Please join us for this festive occasion.

Bedikat Chametz - The search for leaven usually occurs the night prior to the onset of Pesach. This year this ceremony is performed on Thursday, April 18. Prior to evening the home should be thoroughly cleaned. All known chametz should already be collected and set aside. After sunset, approximately 8:30 p.m., the family recites the b'rakha (found at the beginning of most haggadot), and conducts a final search for any remaining chametz. Some families strategically deposit small pieces of bread in various places in the home in advance of the search. Special kits, containing the customary candle, feather and wooden spoon are available for purchase at the local Jewish bookstores.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR PASSOVER

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday	4/19	7 a.m. Siyyum for First Born 6 p.m. (1 st Seder)
Saturday	4/20*	9 a.m. Only (2 nd Seder)
Sunday	4/21	9 a.m. & 8 p.m.
Monday	4/22	7 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Tuesday	4/23	7 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday	4/24	7 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Thursday	4/25	7 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Friday	4/26	9 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Saturday	4/27	9 a.m. & 8 p.m.

*No Kiddush will be served on Saturday, April 20. No afternoon/evening service on Saturday, April 20.

Yizkor services are on the morning of April 27.

Shabbat morning services on April 20 and 27 are in the Deutsch-Rosenberg Sanctuary.

Bi'ur Chametz - The disposal of a few bits of remaining leaven, usually through burning, takes place this year on Friday, April 19, no later than 11 a.m. We will burn all chametz at B'nai Moshe after the Siyyum in the morning.

Mekhirat Chametz - The selling of leaven to a non-Jew prior to the onset of Pesach is required, so that we are able to leave some chametz in our homes during the holiday. Without this release of ownership we would be forbidden from eating such chametz after Pesach. It is advisable to rid our homes of as much chametz as possible. What remains must be stored in an "out of the way" location. Please contact Rabbi Kantor no later than Thursday, April 18, to arrange for the selling of your chametz.

Ma'ot Chittim - These are monies which enable even the poorest in our community to acquire matzah, wine and all Pesach needs. Donations to the B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund will be distributed to a number of worthwhile causes. Use the coupon below and return to the shul as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, April 18.

Returning to Chametz - One may resume owning and eating chametz on Saturday, April 27, at 9:30 p.m.

Mekhirat Chametz / Ma'ot Chittim

I hereby appoint Rabbi Shalom Kantor as my agent to arrange for the sale of my Chametz.*

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

The approximate value of my chametz is \$_____.
I have enclosed \$ _____ as a contribution to the B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund to help others pay for Passover food.

Please make checks payable to B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund. Please return this to the shul by Thursday, April 18.

*This message may be sent to Rabbi Kantor by email at: rabskantor@bnaimoshe.org. In your email, please include your home address and the approximate value of your chametz.