



WHEN EREV PESACH FALLS ON SHABBAT - PESACH 5781

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Ma Nishtana HaShana HaZot...? This year, Pesach is a bit different not just because of COVID but because of the many fascinating and complex questions that arise from Erev Pesach falling on Shabbat. Here are some of the things to be thinking about.

Question 1: When do the first-born sons fast?

Ordinarily:

The first-borns fast on the day before Pesach, commemorating the fact that they were saved from the plague of the first-born in Egypt.

This year's problem:

We do not fast on Shabbat. We do not move this fast to Friday, either, since fasting would cause people to enter Shabbat in discomfort.

The solution:

The fast is conducted on Thursday. Attending a Siyum exempts one from fasting. If one cannot attend in person one may attend over Zoom. It is important, as it is every year, to partake of a meal after the Siyum to exempt you from fasting the rest of the day. The Siyum at KMS will take place at 7:30am on Thursday March 25 and will be broadcast live on Zoom ([here](#)).

Question 2: When do we search for Chametz?

Ordinarily:

We search for Chametz on the night before Pesach.

This year's problem:

We cannot conduct the search on Friday night, since the search involves moving a light from room to room in conducting the search.

The solution:

We search on Thursday night, March 25th, after 8:06pm. Before searching we recite the blessing of "Al Biur Chametz," and after the search we recite the "Kol Chamira;" these may be found in the Artscroll Siddur on p.654

Question 3: When do we burn our Chametz?

Ordinarily:

We burn our Chametz on the day before Pesach, before the sixth daylight hour.

This year's problem:

We cannot burn Chametz on Shabbat.

Technically, one may destroy Chametz by other means, even on Shabbat, but there is a need to preserve the practice of burning Chametz.

The solution:

To preserve the practice of destroying Chametz in the way we normally do it every year, we burn our Chametz on Friday, March 26th, before 11:59am.

Those who will eat Chametz on Shabbat might need to also destroy on Shabbat in a different manner (See Q7 below) but everyone must do it with burning on Friday.

Question 4: When do we recite "Kol Chamira" annulling our ownership of Chametz?

Ordinarily:

In an ordinary year, we recite one version of the "Kol Chamira" paragraph after searching for Chametz at night, and a second version when burning the Chametz on the next morning. (Both versions may be found in the Artscroll Siddur p.654) The language we use at night allows us to save some Chametz to use at breakfast. The language we use when we burn the Chametz states that we annul our ownership of **all** Chametz.

This year's problem:

We cannot recite the second version of "Kol Chamira" when burning our Chametz, because we are keeping some Chametz for use on Shabbat.

The solution:

We DO recite “Kol Chamira” Thursday night after the Search for Chametz as we normally would. We do NOT recite the second “Kol Chamira” when burning our Chametz. Instead, we recite the second one on Shabbat morning, before 11:59am, after having disposed of any Chametz we may still have (See Q7 below).

Question 5: When is our Chametz sold by the Rabbi?

Ordinarily:

Chametz is sold by the rabbi with a sale which takes effect on the morning before Pesach.

This year’s problem:

We cannot sell our Chametz in the normal manner, since we don’t arrange sales on Shabbat.

The solution:

Although there are differing approaches to resolve this question, I will be selling the Chametz on Friday and the sale will take effect on Friday. The sale will exclude any Chametz you are keeping to be used for Shabbat meals (if you are keeping any at all – see Q7 below). Because of the nature of this sale you must remember a few things:

- 1) If you are keeping rolls for Shabbat meals you must pre-designate them and set them aside (you can even make a bag or box that says “Shabbat Rolls” and put them in there) already as of Friday morning.
- 2) **This means that as of Friday at 11:59am you should not use any of your *other* Chametz that you sold with me since it belongs to the non-Jew** (i.e. aside from the Chametz you set aside and designated for Shabbat use).
- 3) **Additionally, it means that if on Shabbat you don’t finish the Chametz you left aside, you cannot simply add it to the stash of Chametz you sold since the sale already took effect Friday morning and therefore nothing else can be included in the sale afterwards. You must dispose of it** (see Q7 below).

Question 6: What food items should be served at the Shabbat meals this year?

In order to avoid any possible problems, all Chametz products and utensils should be put away by the time the Chametz is burned on Friday. These meals should be 100% kosher for Pesach and prepared using Pesach utensils. Although the meals are kosher for Pesach, since this Shabbat is also Erev Pesach, no Matzah products should be served at the Shabbat meals since it is prohibited to eat Matza on Erev Pesach so that we eat the Matzot at the Seder with excitement. (One may eat products cooked with Matza Meal like Kneidlach or Gefilte Fish and the like.)

Question 7: If one cannot serve Chametz or Matzah at the Fri Night and Shabbat Morning meals, what should be used for Hamotzi?

Two Valid Options:

Option A: Use small fresh soft Challah rolls (to produce as few crumbs as possible), that can be consumed without leaving anything left-over. Prepare just enough for each person at the meal and no more. **Eat the rolls carefully over tissues / napkins / plastic, so that any remaining crumbs can be collected and flushed down the toilet.** You should also rinse your mouth or brush your teeth in a permissible Shabbat manner to get rid of crumbs in your mouth. It is permissible to make Kiddush and Hamotzi and eat the rolls in one location (e.g. outside) and then return to the table for the rest of the meal as long as you return to say Birkat HaMazon in the place you ate the bread.

- **You MUST finish eating the bread by 10:45am** (you may continue the *rest* of the meal of Pesach food after 10:45am but the bread portion must be done)
- **Whatever bread or crumbs are left MUST be flushed down the toilet or destroyed by putting them in a bag and dousing them with bleach or caustic cleaner and then thrown into the trash. This must be done by 11:59am.**

Option B: Use Pesach certified Egg Matzah. You must still finish eating the Egg Matzah by 10:45am and you should avoid placing the Egg Matzah on Pesach dishes. However, you need *not* worry as much about the crumbs that may fall as you eat and you need *not* worry if you have leftover Egg Matzah since it can just be put away in a closet for the duration of Pesach as there is no problem of ownership on Pesach. (**Note:** Please remember, according to Ashkenazic practice, except for the sick, elderly, or small children, egg Matzah should not be eaten at all during Pesach itself.)

Important: In both options A and B above, on Shabbat morning,

- The Challah or Egg Matzah **must** be consumed before 10:45am
- The "Kol Chamira" must be recited after you finish eating and before 11:59am.

Davening at KMS on Shabbat morning will be earlier than usual (6:30am and 8:00am) to make sure everyone has enough time to finish eating their rolls or Egg Matzah before 10:45am

Question 8: How do we eat Seudah Shlishit?

The problem:

We face competing mandates governing our Shabbat meals:

- A. On the one hand, many authorities rule that the third meal of Shabbat must be bread-based, like the first two meals.
- B. On the other hand, the third meal is ideally eaten on Shabbat afternoon, at which time Chametz is forbidden, Matzah is forbidden, and Egg Matzah is to be avoided!

The Solution:

The Rema suggests that in a year like this, one should eat Seudah Shlishit after 1:44pm (ideally after davening Mincha itself) and simply eat matzah balls, meat, fish or fruit. It is important to be careful not to eat this third meal after 4:20pm so as not to diminish one's Seder appetite.

Since this does not satisfy the view that the third meal must be bread-based, there are those who in addition to eating the afternoon fruits or fish or meat also try to get in a second morning bread or Egg matzah meal. To do this they split their morning meal into two parts by stopping midway, reciting the "Birkat HaMazon," taking a short break, and then washing over rolls or Egg matzah again (no kiddush). Of course, this solution will not satisfy the view that the third meal should be after midday. **One must always make sure to finish the rolls or Egg Matza of both morning meals by 10:45am and take care of the crumbs and any leftover bread.**

Question 9: May we make any preparations on Shabbat for the Seder?

One may not prepare on Shabbat for events occurring after Shabbat. One should try to start the seder as soon after Shabbat as possible. In order to facilitate that and in order to avoid various extra melachot on Yom Tov, one should grind the horseradish, wash and check the lettuce for bugs, roast the Shank Bone, grind ingredients for Charoset, mix the salt water etc... all on Friday. One may not make any preparations for the seder on Shabbat even if they don't involve melacha (like setting the table).

After Shabbat is over (8:08 pm), one may start preparing for the Seder. Before beginning the preparations, one who did not recite Maariv with VaTodieynu should say this abbreviated version of Havdalah, in Hebrew or English: "*Baruch HaMavdil Bein Kodesh leKodesh*". The full Havdalah is recited during Kiddush at the Seder (see Question 11).

Question 10: How does one light candles for Pesach night?

One must light a 48-hr candle on Friday afternoon. We wait to light Yom Tov candles on the first night of Pesach until Shabbat is over (8:08 pm) and light them from that pre-existing flame. We also light candles on the second night of Yom Tov (Sunday night), after the first day of Pesach has ended (8:09 pm), from an existing flame.

Question 11: How does one make Havdalah on Pesach night?

Havdalah Saturday night is recited as part of Kiddush at the Seder, before the “Shehechyanu” blessing. The Yom Tov candles are used for the Havdalah candle. You should simply leave the candles in the candlesticks and not try to hold the wicks together.

THINGS TO REMEMBER IN CALENDAR FORM

THURSDAY MARCH 25	FRIDAY MARCH 26	SHABBAT MARCH 27
<p>Taanit Bechorot and Siyum in the morning</p> <p>Search for Chametz and Nullification of Chametz after 8:06pm</p>	<p>Completely prepare the house for Pesach and finish all cleaning and kashering.</p> <p>Set aside/designate some rolls that you will use for the meals on Shabbat (unless you will be using Egg Matzah and having no Chametz on Shabbat at all) and put all other Chametz away to be sold.</p> <p>Burning of Chametz before 11:59am (no Kol Chamira)</p> <p>Sale of Chametz will be done by the rabbi</p> <p>Prepare as much for the seder as possible so that it will be ready Motzaei Shabbat (grind the horseradish, check the lettuce etc...)</p> <p>Light a 48hr candle</p>	<p>Wash and eat your Shabbat meal with enough time to stop eating all Chametz or Egg Matzah by 10:45am</p> <p>MUST - Discard any crumbs or leftover Chametz by flushing them down toilet or bleaching them and then throwing into the trash before 11:59am</p> <p>Recite the “Kol Chamira” nullification formula before 11:59am</p> <p>Eat Seudah Shlishit after 1:44pm with fruits or fish or meat</p> <p>Refrain from heavy eating after 4:20pm</p> <p>After 8:08pm say “Baruch Hamavdil,” Prepare for Seder, Light YT candles, Start Kiddush and Seder after 8:08pm</p>

For full Pesach Schedule and Times see next page
 Please follow these times carefully as the schedule this year is complex and slightly different each day.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have!

Pesach Times for 5781

THURSDAY

THURSDAY MORNING MARCH 25

Fast Begins.....	5:43am
Shacharit (Sanctuary and Outside).....	7:00am
Siyum on Masechet Pesachim by RBW (Outside and Zoom).....	7:30am
<i>(This Siyum will also be livestreamed on zoom here for those who cannot attend in person)</i>	

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 25

Mincha/Maariv (Shkia 7:25pm).....	7:10 pm
Bedikat Chametz.....	After 8:06 pm

FRIDAY

FRIDAY MORNING MARCH 26

Shacharit (Outside).....	7:00 am
Shacharit (Sanctuary).....	7:30 am
Last Time to Burn Chametz.....	11:59 am

SHABBAT, EREV PESACH

FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH 26

Candle Lighting.....	7:08 pm
Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shab(Sanctuary and Outside).....	6:30pm
Bizman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat (Outside).....	7:15 pm

SHABBAT DAY MARCH 27

Shacharit (Sanctuary and Outside).....	6:30 am
Shacharit (Sanctuary, Outside, YBM, SH-Youth).....	8:00 am
Last Time to Eat Chametz.....	10:45am

Destroy any Remaining Chametz

by flushing down the toilet BEFORE.....	11:59 am
Recite "Kol Chamira" BEFORE.....	11:59 am

SHABBAT AFTERNOON MARCH 27

Early Mincha (Outside).....	3:30pm
Finish Any Large Meals by	4:20 pm
Mincha (Sanctuary, YBM, Outside) (Shkia 7:27pm).....	7:15pm
Followed by Short Dvar Torah and	
Maariv with Hallel at.....	Approx 7:35pm
Candle Lighting AFTER.....	8:08 pm
Kiddush(including Havdallah) and Seder AFTER.....	8:08 pm

*Please note that no preparation for the seder
may be done before 8:08pm*

PESACH DAY 1

YOM TOV 1 – SUNDAY MARCH 28

Shacharit (Tefilat Tal) (Outside).....	8:00am
Shacharit (Tefilat Tal)(Sanct,Outside,YBM,SH-Youth).....	9:30am
Mincha (Sanctuary and Outside) (Shkia 7:28pm).....	7:15pm
Followed by Short Dvar Torah and	
Maariv with Hallel at.....	Approx 7:35pm
Candles, Kiddush, Seder, & Sefira AFTER.....	8:09 pm

*Please note that no preparation for the seder
may be done before 8:09pm*

PESACH DAY 2

YOM TOV 2 – MONDAY MARCH 29

Shacharit (Outside).....	8:00am
Shacharit (Sanctuary, Outside, YBM, SH-Youth).....	9:30am
Mincha (Sanctuary and Outside) (Shkia 7:29pm).....	7:15pm
Shiur	
Maariv and Yom Tov Ends.....	8:10pm

Don't forget to count Sefirat Haomer!

CHOL HAMOED

TUESDAY MARCH 30 – FRIDAY APRIL 2

Shacharit (Outside).....	6:45 am
Late Shacharit (Sanctuary).....	8:00am
Mincha/Maariv (Outside).....	7:20 pm
WTG Shir HaShirim on Zoom Wed 3/31.....	8:00pm
Zoom Yizkor on Friday April 2.....	12:00pm

PESACH DAY 7-8

FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 2

Candle Lighting.....	7:15 pm
Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shab(Sanctuary and Outside).....	6:30pm
Bizman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat (Outside).....	7:15 pm

YOM TOV 7 – SHABBAT APRIL 3

Shacharit (Outside).....	7:00am
Shacharit (Sanctuary, Outside, YBM).....	9:00am
Youth Shacharit (SH).....	9:30am

*Shir HaShirim will be recited after Davening
for those who wish to stay.*

Mincha (Sanctuary and Outside) (Shkia 7:34pm).....	7:20pm
Followed by Short Dvar Torah and	
Maariv at.....	Approx 7:40pm
Candle Lighting AFTER.....	8:15 pm
Kiddush(including Havdallah).....	8:15 pm

*Please note that no preparation for the second day of yom tov
may be done before 8:15pm*

YOM TOV 8 – SUNDAY APRIL 4

Shacharit (Outside).....	7:00am
Shacharit (Sanctuary, Outside, YBM).....	9:00am
Youth Shacharit (SH).....	9:30am

*Yizkor will be recited at all minyanim except Youth.
It will be a short pause for personal Yizkor prayers.*

*(On the Friday Zoom Yizkor we will also be reciting the
communal Yizkor prayers.)*

Mincha (Sanctuary and Outside) (Shkia 7:35pm).....	7:20pm
Shiur	
Maariv and Yom Tov Ends	8:16pm
Use of Chametz Sold with Rabbi Weinberg After	9:15 pm