

Pesach Preparation Guidance 2024-5784

We are pleased to share this information to help you prepare for the joyous holiday of Pesach this year. Questions? Please contact [Rabbi Marder](#) or [Rabbanit Atara](#).

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- Directions for cleaning and preparing your home [here](#).
- Koshering procedures [here](#).
- List of food and commodities, **with some important adjustments**, [here](#).
- Discussion of non-food commodities [here](#)
- **Reminder:** look for email updates on any Passover information, including before the last days leading up to Pesach.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [OU's Pesach Guide](#)
- [Chicago Rabbinical Council's website](#)—also quite helpful and includes a handy shopping guide
- [Star-K Guide](#)—includes Pesach and other information (eg. the halachic issues surrounding modern oven use on Shabbat and yom tov etc.)

POT KOSHERING—THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 18TH, 8PM

- Bring your largest pots to the shul to kasher them for Pesach. You can then return home and kosher your smaller vessels.
- Please make sure that your pots are scrubbed clean, with no residue inside or outside. (see the Koshering procedures document above for information on what can be koshered)

SALE OF CHAMETZ—POWER OF ATTORNEY

- First, a key message. Give away your chametz, consume it, or discard/destroy it. That's what we are meant to do before Pesach. This is especially the case for "chametz gamur", straight out chametz of wheat, rye, oats, spelt and barley. A notable exception might be an expensive bottle of scotch, or other situations of significant financial loss.
- That being said, chametz can be sold, and Rabbi Marder (or his designee), is available to represent you.
- **USE THIS [fillable PDF form](#) FOR APPOINTING RABBI MARDER** to sell your chametz. Please complete it and either hand deliver it to/make a kinyan with him, or scan and email it renamed to chametzsaleform@hiwp.org by noon on

Thursday, April 18th. The absolute latest it may be returned is by Sunday afternoon, April 21st.

- PLEASE NAME YOUR DOCUMENT "(YOUR NAME) CHAMETZ SALE"

HOME SEDER HOSPITALITY

- If you are able to open your home to those who might otherwise have no place to experience a seder, please email [Rabbi Marder](#) or [Rabbanit Atara](#) by April 10th. You will truly fulfill the spirit of "kol dichfin" and "kol ditzrich"—inviting all those who are in need, to come and share the seder with us!
- And if you are in need of being hosted, please email or call by April 10th as well.

GIVE TZEDAKAH

Maot Chittim is a special rabbinically mandated Pesach contribution over and above one's normal gifts to tzedakah. The funds enable poor Jews to have the basic requirements for a proper seder. This year, such giving is more than ever.

Here are some organizations worthy of your support:

- Assist the poor in the Russian Jewish community in Pelham Parkway is by sending contributions via Venmo to "congregationsonsofisrael".
- The [Bronx Jewish Community Council](#) distributes food there as well
- The OU's [maot chittim campaign](#)
- Organizations such as [UJA Federation](#) and the [Met Council for the Poor](#)
- **Two in Israel:**
 - [Yad Eliezer Maot Chittim](#)
 - [Afikim Maot Chittim](#)

חג כשר ושמח!

May we be blessed with a kosher, joyous experience of the Festival—and in good health.