

Erev Pesach 13th of Nissan (Tuesday night)

Bedikas Chametz (Checking for Chametz) should be performed after 8:15 pm

Wednesday Morning

- Shacharis — on Erev Pesach, we omit מזמור לתודה and למנצח.
- **Fast of the Firstborn** — In past years those people who are traveling on Erev Pesach have participated in a siyum over the phone or internet. The same practice can be relied upon this year when we are not gathering together because of the Coronavirus.
- Latest time to eat chametz: 11:16am
- Time of sale of chametz: 11:45 am
- Latest time to destroy chametz: 12:19am
- **Destroying Chametz This Year** — It has been our custom that chametz should be destroyed on Erev Pesach by burning it. Many communities have made controlled public Chametz burnings for the sake of fire safety. However, during these times it is not safe to gather. On the other hand there is a real danger of people making their own fires on their property. In addition, when people make small fires the heat is not intense enough to burn the Chametz all the way to the center and sometimes people are left with edible chametz that they did not realize was still there. Finally, we must also be careful of the public perception that Jews are going about their business as usual and conducting their affairs in public while the rest of the world is confining themselves to their homes. It could appear as if the Jewish people are not sharing the burden and pain with the rest of humanity because of our religion. Perhaps the best advice would be to limit the amount of leftover Chametz we have in our possession on the morning of Erev Pesach. And the small amount of Chametz (no more than a k'zayis is needed) should be crushed into tiny particles, so as to not clog the plumbing, and flushed in the toilet. This would also fulfill the directive of Chazal.
- On erev Pesach, there is a prohibition against eating matzah. Additionally, one should not eat a meal or drink wine after the tenth hour (4:30 pm). This is particularly relevant for those who are doing an erev Pesach mock seder with family over video conference.
- **Eiruv Tavshilin should be prepared.**
- **Candle lighting should take place at 7:23pm.**

First Day of Pesach (Wednesday night)

Leil HaSeder

- Ma'ariv for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Pesach.
- Kiddush should not begin before nightfall which is at 8:16pm. It is preferable to complete the fourth cup of wine by halachic midnight which is at 1
- :22 am.

First Day- Daytime (Thursday)

- Shacharis for Yom Tov with the proper Pesach insertions followed by complete Hallel with its berachos.

- The Torah reading for the first day is “משכו” (Shemos 12:21-51), the maftir is ובחדש הראשון (Bamidbar 28:16-25) and the haftarah is from Yehoshua ch. 3.
- The Piyut of Tal which is recited on Pesach was only instituted when davening with a tzibur and not when davening alone. One can certainly recite it if they wish, but there is no mandate based on the existing custom to do so.
- Mussaf Amidah for Yom Tov with Mashiv Horuach and the proper insertions for Pesach.
- Mincha Amidah for Yom Tov. Ashkenazim should omit משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם and should not recite מוריד הטל.

Second Day of Pesach (Thursday Night)

Leil HaSeder (Second Night)

- Nightfall is at 8:17pm. One should not make any preparations for the Seder or light candles before that time.
- Ma’ariv for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Pesach. See note from first night regarding Hallel.
- Sefiras Ha’Omer begins. It is recited after the Amidah before Aleinu.- However I would say to wait till after the seder like woman do on a regular year as printed in some Hagaddas.

Second Day- Daytime

- Shacharis for Yom Tov with the proper Pesach insertions followed by complete Hallel with its berachos.
- The Torah reading for the second day is “שור או כשב” (Vayikra 22:26-23:44), the maftir is ובחדש הראשון (Bamidbar 28:16-25) and the haftarah is from Melachim II ch. 23.
- Mussaf Amidah for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Pesach.
- Mincha Amidah for Yom Tov.
- If one prepared an eiruv tavshilin before Yom Tov, one may cook on Yom Tov for Shabbos. One should try to ensure that all of the food that is cooked is potentially edible by sundown (7:42pm). For this reason, some communities have the practice of accepting Shabbos early whenever an eiruv tavshilin is used. This is the recommended practice. One cannot accept Shabbos before plag hamincha which is at 6:22pm. Friday night candle lighting should take place after this time and no later than 7:24pm. Once the candles are lit, all of the stringencies of Shabbos are in effect.

Friday Night

- An abridged קבלת שבת is recited that begins with מזמור שיר ליום השבת. We also omit במה מדליקין.
- Ma’ariv Amidah is for Shabbos. Ya’aleh V’Yavo is added with proper insertion for Pesach.
- Vayechulu is recited after the Amidah followed by Sefiras Ha’Omer and Aleinu.
- If one accepted Shabbos early, one should omit Sefiras Ha’Omer in Ma’ariv and recite it after 8:17pm.

Shabbos Day

- Shacharis for Shabbos. Ya’aleh V’Yavo is added with proper insertion for Pesach.
- **Half Hallel** is recited.
- Shir HaShirim is traditionally recited with the tzibur at this point — The custom to read Shir HaShirim on Pesach was clearly instituted only for a tzibur. Nonetheless, there is

nothing prohibited about reading Shir HaShirim on Pesach without a tzibur. One should be conscious of the fact that such a reading would not constitute a fulfillment of the original minhag.

- The Torah reading for the second day is “ראה אתה” (Shemos 33:12-34:26), the maftir is ובחדש הראשון (Bamidbar 28:16-25) and the haftarah is from Yechezkel 37.
- Mussaf for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Shabbos and Pesach.
- Mincha for Shabbos. Ya’aleh V’Yavo is added with proper insertion for Pesach.

Motzaei Shabbos

- Weekday Amidah should be recited including Atah Chonantanu and Ya’aleh V’Yavo. Additionally, please note the change to ותן ברכה.
- We do not recite ויהי נועם. After the Amidah, Sefiras Ha’Omer is recited followed by Aleinu.
- Havdalah is the standard Havdalah for Motzaei Shabbos.

Chol HaMoed

- Shacharis is weekday Shacharis. מזמור לתודה is omitted. The Amidah should include Ya’aleh V’Yavo with the proper insertion for Pesach. **Half Hallel** is recited after the Amidah
- The Torah reading for the second day of Chol HaMoed is “קדש לי” (Shemos 13:1-16) and ובחדש הראשון (Bamidbar 28:16-25).
- The Torah reading for the third day of Chol HaMoed is “אם כסף” (Shemos 22:24-23:19) and ובחדש הראשון (Bamidbar 28:16-25).
- The Torah reading for the fourth day of Chol HaMoed is (Bamidbar 9:1-14) and ובחדש הראשון (Bamidbar 28:16-25).
- We do not recite למנצח on Chol HaMoed.
- Mussaf for Yom Tov (Chol HaMoed) with proper insertions for Pesach.
- Weekday Mincha. The Amidah should include Ya’aleh V’Yavo with the proper insertion for Pesach.

Seventh Day of Pesach (begins Tuesday night)

Tuesday Night

- One may accept Yom Tov early provided it is after plag hamincha (6:24pm). Candle lighting should take place no later than 7:26pm.
- Shehechyanu is not recited on the seventh or eighth of Pesach.
- Ma’ariv for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Pesach. Sefiras Ha’Omer (after 8:20pm)
- Kiddush for Yom Tov.

Wednesday Day

- Shacharis for Yom Tov with the proper Pesach insertions followed by **half Hallel** with its berachos.
- The Torah reading for the seventh day is Shemos 13:17-15:26, the maftir is ובחדש הראשון (Bamidbar 28:16-25) and the haftarah is from Shmuel II ch. 22.
- Mussaf Amidah for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Pesach.
- Mincha Amidah for Yom Tov.

Eighth Day of Pesach (Wednesday Night)

- Nightfall is at 8:20pm. One should not make any preparations for the meal or light candles before that time. One should also wait until this time to recite Ma'ariv.
- Shehechyanu is not recited on the seventh or eighth night of Pesach.
- Ma'ariv for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Pesach. Sefiras Ha'Omer.
- Kiddush for Yom Tov.

Thursday Day

- Shacharis for Yom Tov with the proper Pesach insertions followed by **half Hallel** with its berachos.
- The Torah reading for the seventh day is Shemos 13:17-15:26, the maftir is ובחדש הראשון (Bamidbar 28:16-25) and the haftarah is from Shmuell II ch. 22.
- **Yizkor** can be recited without a minyan. One should make sure to pledge money to tzedakah before reciting Yizkor.
- Mussaf Amidah for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Pesach.
- Mincha Amidah for Yom Tov.
- Yom Tov concludes at 8:21pm.
- Weekday Ma'ariv should include Atah Chonantanu. Sefiras Ha'Omer.
- Havdalah includes only two berachos: HaGafen and HaMavdil (no besamim or fire).
- All chametz sold through the shul will be repurchased at 9:00pm. PLEASE DO NOT EAT IT BEFORE THIS TIME.