

Pesach Guidelines and Reminders for Delray Orthodox

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This Pesach will certainly be a little strange. However, that doesn't mean we can't enjoy it or take meaning from it. We have 3 days to switch off from the news and concentrate on Hashem and His mitzvos. I have attached some basic information about the seder, including a handy checklist for you use to when preparing your seder plates and tables.

Guidelines for EREV PESACH, Wednesday morning until sundown

- Last time to eat chametz is 11:16am
- Burning/Disposal of the Chametz is no later than 12:19am (*reminder: you may flush a piece of chametz down the toilet in the absence of public gatherings with fire*)
- Do not forget to make an eruv tavshilin any time before sundown
- Please note! There is a Rabbinic prohibition not to eat Matzah on Erev Pesach. Therefore, after 11:16am, you must be sure to **not eat matzah erev Pesach**. This includes for lunch, snacks or at a mock seder on Zoom.

Guidelines for the Seder

Yomtov candle lighting for the first night is 7:23pm, and 8:17 the second night. You may light your candles from a pre-existing flame after these times if needed.

General Notes:

- For those of you leading your seder for the first time, be aware that it is perfectly permissible to recite the entirety of the Hagaddah in English.
- Shemurah matzah must be used for the seder.
- People who can't swallow Matzah can grind it up and even mix it with water.
- One should try and drink $\frac{3}{4}$ of their Kiddush cup for each of the 4 cups of wine. Grape juice may be used where necessary.

Mitzvot of the Seder

There are two Torah mitzvot to be performed at the seder:

1. Eating Matzah
2. Relating the story of the slavery and Exodus

There are three main rabbinic mitzvot on seder night:

1. Drinking four cups of wine
2. Eating the rabbinical portions of marror

3. Reciting Hallel, which should be said whilst sitting

The most important parts of the Haggadah are:

- Mah Nistanah (4 questions)
- Avodim Hoyinu (the answer)
- The 10 plagues and from 'Raban Gamliel used to say' until the end of the blessing.

Eating of the Matzah

A person is required to eat a Kezayis of Matzah three separate times during the seder:

1. A kezayis for 'Matzah'
2. A kezayis for 'Koreach'
3. A kezayis for the 'Tzofun or afikomen'

The Matzah should be 6.25 inches by 7 inches. Korech is d'Rabbanan, so 4 by 7 inches is enough. The Afikomen Matzah should also be 6.25 inches by 7 inches. This is approximately 1 and a 1/3 pieces of a machine Matzah.guidelines.

Each kezayis should be eaten in 2-9 minutes without interruption.

The Afikomen is the last thing eaten for the evening. You may drink water if necessary.

You must finish the entire seder by 1:22am