THURSDAY, APRIL 14 – BEDIKAT HAMESS
Shahrit – First Minyan.................................................. 6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan ............................................ 7:30 AM
Minha followed by Arbit............................................. 6:45 PM
Bedikat Hamess - Search for Hamess beginning .......... 7:55 PM

For those who are unable to contact the Rabbi personally for the sale of Hamess, you may sell your Hamess via our website or you may complete the form and mail, fax or email directly to the synagogue (see the details at the end).

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 – EREB PESAH - TA`ANIT BEKHOROT - FAST OF THE FIRST BORN
Shahrit – First Minyan.................................................. 6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan ............................................ 7:30 AM
Siyum following the........................................ 6:30 AM & 7:30 AM minyaneeem
Refrain from Eating Hamess........................................ 9:55 AM
Burn Hamess no later than................................. 11:10 AM
Minha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Arbit........ 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting............................................................... 7:15 PM
Kiddush/First Seder after.............................................. 7:55 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 - FIRST DAY OF PESAH
Shahrit (Begin Morid Hatal in Musaf)......................... 8:30 AM
Minha.............................................................................. 6:50 PM
Se’uda Shelisheet ............................................................. 7:20 PM
Arbit (Begin counting the Omer after Arbit) ............. 7:55 PM
Candle Lighting (Transfer Flame) After............... 8:17 PM
Kiddush (Habdalah included) Second Seder, after..... 8:17 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - SECOND DAY OF PESAH
Shahrit................................................................. 8:30 AM
Minha.............................................................................. 7:25 PM
Arbit (Begin Barekhenu in Arbit)............................. 7:55 PM
Habdalah / End of Festival......................................... 8:19 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 18 - THIRD DAY OF PESAH / HOL HAMOED
Shahrit - First Minyan (No Tefillin) ......................... 6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan (No Tefillin) ..................... 7:30 AM
Minha followed by Arbit ....................................... 6:45 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 - FOURTH DAY OF PESAH / HOL HAMOED
Shahrit - First Minyan (No Tefillin) ......................... 6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan (No Tefillin) ..................... 7:30 AM
Minha followed by Arbit ....................................... 6:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 - FIFTH DAY OF PESAH / HOL HAMOED
Shahrit First Minyan (No Tefillin) ......................... 6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan (No Tefillin) ..................... 7:30 AM
Minha followed by Arbit ....................................... 6:45 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 – EREB SHEBI`I SHEPESAH / HOL HAMOED
Shahrit - First Minyan (No Tefillin) ......................... 6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan (No Tefillin) ..................... 7:30 AM
*** REMEMBER TO PREPARE ERUB TABSHILIN ***
Minha followed by Arbit ....................................... 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting ................................................... 7:22 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 – SEVENTH DAY OF PESAH / SHEBI’I SHEPESAH
Tikkun Shebi’i Shel Pesah ..................................... 7:30 AM
Shahrit ................................................................. 8:30 AM
Minha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat/Arbit ............. 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting (Transfer Flame) ......................... 7:23 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 – EIGHTH DAY OF PESAH / SHEMINI SHEPESAH
Shahrit ................................................................. 8:30 AM
Minha ................................................................. 7:00 PM
Se’uda Shelisheet .................................................. 7:30 PM
Arbit ................................................................... 8:05 PM
Habdalah / End of Festival ................................. 8:25 PM

Earliest time to eat Hamess and to allow buying back the Hamess 9:00 PM
SELECTED LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF PASSOVER

1. What is Considered Hamess

Hamess includes such articles as bread, cake, cookies, cereals, whisky, beer, candies, preserves, desserts, leavening, etc. and any food or drink made from, or containing wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt or their derivatives.

2. General Kashering Regulations

The gas range should be scoured thoroughly, and then heated to the glowing point by early Thursday afternoon, April 14th. Any dishes and silverware, excluding glassware, used all year are not to be used on Passover. Whenever possible, a complete set of special Pesah dishes, pots and silverware should be used. Any utensils used during the year in the preparation and serving of food must be thoroughly cleansed and purged. For the proper procedure to be employed in the purging of utensils, please contact the Rabbi.

3. Bedikat Hamess – The Search For Leaven

Bedikat Hamess, the search for hamess in the home takes place on Thursday night, April 14th after 7:55 PM. All rooms must be thoroughly cleaned before the search is conducted. Distribute 10 pieces of bread and place them in various rooms that are to be searched. The search should be conducted by the light of a single wax candle containing a single-wick. If this is not available, a flashlight may be substituted. For areas that a candle is not practical or may be dangerous, a flashlight is preferred. During the search, collect these 10 pieces and place them on a plate to be burned the next morning. Consult the Mahzor or Haggada for further instructions as needed.

If you are going away for the holidays within 30 days before Pesah, you...
must remove all hamess and make Bedikat Hamess the night before you depart. No blessing is recited if the search is performed before April 14th.

Recite the following Blessing prior to the search:

BARUKH ATA A-DO-NAY ELO-HENU MELEKH HA’ OLAM ASHER KID-DESHANU BE-MISSVOTAV VE-SSIVANU ‘AL BEE’UR HAMESS.

“BLESSED ARE YOU, G-D KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS SANCTIFIED US BY HIS COMMANDMENTS AND HAS COMMANDED US ABOUT BURNING THE HAMESS”

Immediately after the search, one recites the following in a language they understand:


“All leavened foodstuffs in my possession which I have not seen nor removed, shall be annulled and considered void like the dust of the earth.”

4. Ta’anit Bekhorot - Fast of the First Born

On Friday, April 15th, every male first born must fast or waive his fast obligation by attending a service of Siyum, a conclusion of a Tractate of Talmud, and partake in a festive meal.

5. Siyum - Tractate Conclusion

Upon conclusion of a Tractate, cake and wine are served rendering the occasion a festive meal. The Siyum will be held after the 6:30, and 7:30 AM Shahrit services on Friday, April 15th. Every first-born male should attend services and participate in the Siyum in order to exempt themselves from fasting.

6. Mekhirat Hamess - Selling of the Hamess

Hamess may not remain in the possession of a Jew during Passover. Hamess, therefore, must be either discarded or sold to a non-Jew. However, Hamess sold to a non-Jew may remain on the property of
a Jew within a locked closet, freezer or a refrigerator, inaccessible to the Jew during the holiday. Since selling the Hamess requires special knowledge of the Jewish law of sales, one may only sell their Hamess through a Rabbi. You may sell your Hamess via our website www.ejsny.org. Alternatively, attached is an authorization form to be filled out and returned so that it is received no later than Thursday, April 14th.

7. Last Hamess Meal

Refrain from eating Hamess after 9:55 AM on Friday morning April 15th.

8. Bi’ur Hamess - Burning of the Hamess

Hamess must be burned or discarded no later than 11:10 AM on Friday, April 15th.

After burning the Hamess and ensuring all Hamess is no longer edible, one recites the following:


“ALL LEAVENED FOODSTUFFS IN MY POSSESSION, WHETHER I HAVE SEEN THEM OR NOT, WHETHER I HAVE BURNED THEM OR NOT, SHALL BE ANNULLED AND CONSIDERED VOID, LIKE THE DUST OF THE EARTH.”

9. Erub Tabshilin

Our sages instituted Erub Tabshilin as a means to enable us to prepare food on the Friday of the Holiday for Shabbat. This year, the last day of the holiday falls on Shabbat, and Erub Tabshilin is applicable. On Thursday afternoon, the Eve of Shebi’i Shel Pesah, the Eve of the Seventh Day of Pesah, prior to Yom Tob set aside a piece of massa and cooked food intended for Shabbat (e.g. a hard-boiled egg). Raise it and recite the following:

BARUKH ATA ADO-NAY ELO-HENU MELEKH HA’OLAM ASHER KIDDE-SHANU BE-MISSVOTAV VE-SSIVANU ‘AL MISSVAT ERUB.
“IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ERUB, IT SHALL BE PERMISSIBLE FOR US TO BAKE, COOK, PREPARE AND DO ALL NECESSARY THINGS FOR SHABBAT DURING YOM TOB (THE HOLIDAY).”

Be sure to eat the massa and food by “Se’uda Shelisheet” on Shabbat.

10. Kiddush

On both nights of the Seders, Kiddush should be recited after nightfall, which is approximately 20 minutes after sunset. This year because of Shabbat, Kiddush must be after Habdalah/Candle Lighting times. Please follow the format in the Haggada.

11. Morid Hatal - “Prayer for the Dew”

It is customary that on the first day of Passover we begin reciting “Morid Hatal” in the prayer of Musaf.

12. Counting of the Omer

Starting on the second night of Pesah, Saturday, April 16th, the Omer should be counted until Shabu’ot. The counting should also take place after nightfall, which is 20 minutes after sunset.


We begin reciting this prayer on Sunday night, April 17th in the ‘Amida of Arbit.

14. Tikkun Leil Shebi’i Shel Pesah

It is customary that on the 7th day of Passover, special prayers are recited throughout the night to commemorate the splitting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the sea by the Israelites on dry land. We will recite those prayers prior to Shahrit on Friday, April 22nd at 7:30 AM.
Sale of Hamess

The power of selling any and all articles of Hamess left during the Passover Holiday must be delegated to the Rabbi who, in turn, will sell it to a non-Jew for you. This sale can definitely not be transacted by the ordinary layman as the procedure is complicated and must, therefore, be arranged only by a Rabbi. The Rabbi should be contacted a few days in advance of Passover.

Any Hamess retained for use after Pesah cannot be eaten unless it was sold through a Rabbi. For those who are unable to contact the Rabbi personally for the sale of their Hamess, an authorization form for the sale can be found at the end of this bulletin. It should be returned as soon as possible upon receipt of this Bulletin. This form may be mailed, faxed, emailed or submitted via our website, on/or by Thursday, April 14th as follows:

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הוילו לישנים רבות
ומשניך לשמחה
Form for the Sale of Hamess

I, (we) ........................................................................................................................................
HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RABBI to dispose of all hamess that
may be in my (our) possession at home, place of business or else-
where in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law.

Home Address:

Location Where Hamess is Stored:

Nature of Hamess:

Approximate Value: $..........................................................

Business Address:

Location Where Hamess is Stored:

Nature of Hamess:

Approximate Value: $..........................................................

Summer Home:

Location Where Hamess is Stored:

Nature of Hamess:

Approximate Value: $..........................................................

* ( ) Will be in Israel for the Holiday

Please submit the form to the Rabbi’s attention.
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