

Erev Pesach 13th of Nissan (Tuesday night April 7th)

Bedikat Chametz (Checking for Chametz) should be performed after **8:11pm**

Wednesday Morning (April 8th)

- Shacharit — on Erev Pesach, we omit **למנצח** and **לזרע** תודה.
- **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. We will be having a *Siyum* led by Ben Schall via Zoom conference.
- Latest time to eat chametz: **10:25am**
- Latest time to destroy chametz: **11:42am**
- **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, 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 (**4:14pm**). 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 7:12pm.**

First Day of Pesach (Wednesday night April 8th)

Leil HaSeder

- Ma'ariv for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Pesach.
- With regard to the Hallel that many shuls have the practice of reciting on the Seder night after Ma'ariv, this practice is only for those who will be davening with a *tzibur*, and not at all relevant to those who will be davening alone, without a *minyan*. Even a large family that has a self contained *minyan*, but will be having the Seder together, should not recite this extra Hallel at the conclusion of Ma'ariv. The extra Hallel after Ma'ariv is only recited when there will be a larger crowd for Ma'ariv and additional *pirsumei nisa* (publicizing of the miracle). It is not recited at Etz Chaim in Shul on Pesach night in any event.

- Kiddush should not begin before Tzeit Hakochavim which is at **8:12pm**. It is preferable to complete the fourth cup of wine by halachic midnight which is at **12:59am**.

First Day- Daytime (Thursday April 9th)

- Shacharit for Yom Tov with the proper Pesach insertions followed by complete Hallel with its Berachot.
- The Torah reading for the first day is “משיכי” (Shemot 12:21-51), the Maftir is **ובחדש הראשון** (Bamidbar 28:16-25) and the Haftorah is from Yehoshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 6:27.
- 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.
Rabbi Soloveitchik maintained that in order to change the manner in which we describe Hashem from “One who brings the rain” (משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם) to “One who brings the dew” (מוריד הטל) we require the authorization of the community and therefore an individual may not undertake to make this change himself. However, since there is no existent Tzibur davening together at this point each individual should recite Morid HaTal in their private Mussaf prayer on the first day of Pesach. When all of the individuals across the Jewish world recite Morid HaTal in their private Mussaf this will create a “resolution of the community” that will be effective in changing the Nusach of our seasonal description of Hashem. However, from Mincha of that day and onward, those who daven Nusach Ashkenaz will stop saying Morid HaTal and those who daven Nusach Sefard will continue to say it, each one according to their custom.
- Mussaf Amidah for Yom Tov with 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 April 9th)**Leil HaSeder (Second Night)**

- Nightfall is at **8:13pm**. 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.
- Sefirat Ha'omer begins. It is recited after the Amidah before Aleinu.

Second Day- Daytime (Friday Morning April 10th)

- Shacharit for Yom Tov with the proper Pesach insertions followed by complete Hallel with its Berachot.
- 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 Haftorah is from Melachim II 23:1-9, 21-25.
- 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 Shabbat. Rabbi Klibanoff will have made an *Eiruv Tavshillin* on behalf of the entire community should anyone forget to do so. Friday night candle lighting should take place by **7:14pm**. Once the candles are lit, all of the stringencies of Shabbat are in effect.
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Friday Night (April 10th)

- An abridged **קבלת שבת** is recited that begins with **מדיין**. We also omit **במה** **מצהור** **שיר ליום השבת**.
- Ma'ariv Amidah is for Shabbat. Ya'aleh V'Yavo is added with proper insertion for Pesach.
- Vayechulu is recited after the Amidah followed by Sefirat Ha'Omer and Aleinu.

Shabbat Day (April 11th)

- Shacharit for Shabbat. 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 “**זאה אתה**” (Shemot 33:12-34:26), the Maftir is **והקרבתם** (Bamidbar 28:19-25) and the Haftorah is from Yechezkel 37:1-14.
- Mussaf for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Shabbat and Pesach.
- Mincha for Shabbat. Ya'aleh V'Yavo is added with proper insertion for Pesach.
- Seudat Shlishit should be eaten after before **7:38 pm** (Shkiya)

Motzaei Shabbat

- Weekday Amidah should be recited including Atah Chonantanu and Ya'aleh V'Yavo. Additionally, please note the change to **וְתִתְבָּרֵךְ**.
- We do not recite **וַיְהִי נָעַם**. After the Amidah, Sefirat Ha'Omer is recited followed by Aleinu.
- Havdalah is the standard Havdalah for Motzaei Shabbat.

Chol HaMoed

- Shacharit is weekday Shacharit. **מצהור 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 “**קָדְשׁ לְיִ**” (Shemot 13:1-16) and **והקרבתם** (Bamidbar 28:19-25).
- The Torah reading for the third day of Chol HaMoed is “**אָמֵן כֹּסֶף**” (Shemot 22:24-23:19) and **והקרבתם** (Bamidbar 28:19-25).
- The Torah reading for the fourth day of Chol HaMoed is (Bamidbar 9:1-14) and **והקרבתם** (Bamidbar 28:19-25).
- 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.

Tuesday Afternoon April 14th on Erev Yom Tov, we will hold a communal Zoom conference for the recitation of Yizkor. Since we do not need a proper Minyan for this prayer, we will be able to do so in a communal fashion, albeit online. Time and links will be sent beforehand.

Seventh Day of Pesach (begins Tuesday night April 14th)

Tuesday Night

- One may accept Yom Tov early provided it is after plag hamincha (6:13pm). Candle lighting should take place no later than 7:18pm.
- Shehechiyanu is not recited on the seventh or eighth day of Pesach.
- Ma'ariv for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Pesach. Sefirat Ha'Omer
- Kiddush for Yom Tov.

Wednesday Day (April 15th)

- Shacharit for Yom Tov with the proper Pesach insertions followed by **Half Hallel** with its Berachot.
- The Torah reading for the seventh day is Shemot 13:17-15:26, the Maftir is הַקְרְבָתֶם (Bamidbar 28:19-25) and the Haftorah is from Shmuel II 22:1-51.
- Mussaf Amidah for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Pesach.
- Mincha Amidah for Yom Tov.

Eighth Day of Pesach (Wednesday Night April 15th)

- 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.
- Shehechiyanu is not recited on the seventh or eighth night of Pesach.
- Ma'ariv for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Pesach. Sefirat Ha'Omer.
- Kiddush for Yom Tov.

Thursday Day (April 16th)

- Shacharit for Yom Tov with the proper Pesach insertions followed by **Half Hallel** with its Berachot.
- The Torah reading for the eighth day is Devarim 15:19-16:17, the Maftir is הַקְרְבָתֶם (Bamidbar 28:19-25) and the Haftorah is from Yeshayahu 10:32-12:6.
- **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. Sefirat Ha'Omer.
- Havdalah includes only two Berachot: HaGafen and HaMavdil (no Besamim/Spices or Aish/Fire).
- All chametz sold through Rabbi Klibanoff will be repurchased by 9:00pm.

