

WHEN PASSOVER STARTS FOLLOWING SHABBAT

This year the eve of Passover (*Erev Pesach*) coincides with Shabbat (March 27). The following procedures should therefore be followed:

Ta'anit Bechorot/Fast of the First Born

This fast is observed on Thursday, March 25th beginning at 5:43 AM until 7:57 PM.

Bedikat Chametz/Checking for Chametz

We perform *bedikat chametz* on the evening of Thursday, March 25th with a blessing after **7:41pm**. After the search the normal nullification (*bittul*) is recited.

Bi'ur Chametz/Burning of the Chametz

We burn the chametz on Friday, March 26th until **11:59am**. We will be burning Chametz in the synagogue's garden at **10:30 am**. We do **not recite** the final nullification of the chametz because we can continue to eat chametz on Friday and through Shabbat morning. (The reason for this custom is so that in future years one does not get confused about the proper time to burn chametz.)

Mekhirat Chametz / Selling Chametz

The Rabbinical Assembly has made arrangements for the sale of Chametz. Please click [here](#) to access the RA form and return to the Rabbinical Assembly before **8:00 am on Friday, March 26**.

Kashering

One may continue to kasher dishes and appliances for Pesach all day Friday up until Shabbat.

Shabbat Food

If one is cooking for Shabbat then the food should be kosher for Pesach and prepared on kosher for Pesach dishes.

Hamotzi / Washing Over Bread

Because we do not eat matzah on Erev Pesach, we may not use regular matzah for *hamotzi* on Shabbat. There are two accepted options to use for our Shabbat meals:

- Challah / roll / pita bread
- Egg matzah that is kosher l'Pesach (*matzah ashirah*)

While Ashkenazim do not customarily eat egg matzah on Pesach, it is acceptable to use it on **Shabbat Erev Pesach**. The benefit of using egg matzah is that it is **not considered** Chametz and will not cause unneeded stress if it creates crumbs or if there is some left over as it can be kept over Pesach.

Both egg matzah and challah may only be consumed until **10:55am** on Shabbat day. If you are using challah, rolls or pita, the leftovers must be disposed of by **11:59am**, either by flushing it down the toilet or throwing it into a public garbage. The final nullification is recited at this time.

Some people choose to eat the challah/pita in an area of your home (or outdoors) that is separate from where they will be having their Pesach meals. In order to facilitate *hamotzi* and Seudah Shelishit on Shabbat, many will complete Shacharit on Shabbat by **9:30am**.

Seudah Shlishit (third Shabbat meal)

There are many different approaches to the question of how to eat Seudah Shelishit this Shabbat. Since one can expect to be home from shul early, one can make kiddush & *hamotzi*, eat a very light meal, then *bentch*, and do something to signify that the meal has ended (e.g. walk around the block). Then one can make *hamotzi* again, finish eating the bread or egg matzah before **10:55am** and thereby fulfill Seudah Shelishit.

Other options are to eat at the regular time in the afternoon without *hamotzi*,

eating other nourishing food or even just fruit.

An alternative approach is to fulfill one's obligation of Seudah Shelishit on this unique day through the most nourishing food possible--the spiritual food of Torah study.

Seder Preparations

One may not begin to prepare for the first seder before Shabbat ends, at **7:57pm**, and for the second Seder before the first day of Chag ends at **7:58pm**. We suggest that you perform as many preparations as possible on Friday before Shabbat starts!

Last Days

Friday night, April 2, the 7th day of Pesach begins at **7:03pm**. Motzei Shabbat, April 3, 8th day of Pesach begins at **8:04pm** after Shabbat ends. Preparations for the 8th day should begin after Shabbat ends.

Eating Chametz after Pesach

One may eat of your chametz Sunday night, April 4th, after the repurchase is concluded, at **9:00pm**.