

INTRODUCTION



The occurrence of the 14th day of Nissan on a Sabbath is of historic significance. The rise of Hillel Hazaken to the leadership of the Great Sanhedrin, as narrated in the Talmud Pesachim 66a, resulted from his decision on the mode of conduct to be followed by the ancient Judeans on the Sabbath, 14th Nissan in the year 30 B.C.E. (100 years before the destruction of the Second Temple, Shabbos 15a).

Hillel's ruling specifically appertained to the sacrifice of the Korban Pesach on the Sabbath immediately preceding the Festival of Matzot. This problem does not confront us now. However, we encounter other problems concerning the mode of conduct for Sabbath Erev Pesach namely the preparation for strict Passover observance, so the Sabbath be observed with dignity and yet that there be readiness for the performance of the Seder on Saturday night in strict ritual manner, without any violations of the laws of Chometz and Matzoh.

The most recent occurrence of the 14th Nissan on Shabbos was on 5781 March 27, 2021 the present occasion is 5785 April 12, 2025. The next time will be in 5805/2045.

The following are the detailed rules and mode of conduct for the three days preceding the observance of the Seder on Saturday night, April 12, 2025.

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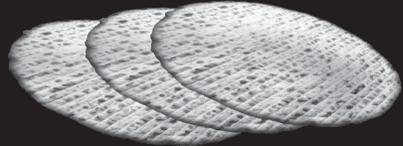
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| 12 Sha | 10:44 | 9:39 | 9:03 | 8:56 | 6:22 | 5:30 | 5:09 | 4:55 | ד | יד |
| 13 Sun | 10:44 | 9:38 | 9:02 | 8:55 | 6:20 | 5:29 | 5:07 | 4:53 | ה | טו |
| 14 Mon | 10:43 | 9:37 | 9:01 | 8:54 | 6:19 | 5:27 | 5:06 | 4:52 | ו | טז |
| 15 Tue | 10:42 | 9:36 | 9:00 | 8:53 | 6:17 | 5:25 | 5:04 | 4:50 | ז | יז |
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| 21 Mon | 10:39 | 9:31 | 8:55 | 8:47 | 6:08 | 5:15 | 4:55 | 4:39 | יג | כג |

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| 16 Wed | 8:49 | 9:04 | 8:20 | 7:36 | חול המועד | 6:13 | 4:49 | 1:30 | יח |
| 17 Thu | 8:50 | 9:06 | 8:21 | 7:37 | חול המועד | 6:13 | 4:50 | 1:30 | יט |
| 18 Fri | 8:51 | 9:07 | 8:22 | 7:38 | 7:20 | 6:14 | 4:50 | 1:29 | כ |
| 19 Sha | 8:52 | 9:08 | 8:23 | 7:39 | שביעי של | 6:15 | 4:51 | 1:29 | כא |
| 20 Sun | 8:53 | 9:10 | 8:24 | 7:40 | אחרון של | 6:16 | 4:51 | 1:29 | כב |
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Mode of observance for
**SHABBAT EREV PESACH
SHABBAT HA-GADOL**
Saturday April 12, 2025

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halakhic review

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THURSDAY MORNING

12th Nissan 5785 - April 10, 2025

○ SIYUM BECHORIM

Because of the unusual occurrence this year of Passover, the customary *Siyum* of the Firstborn is conducted after the morning prayers. This is performed by the completion of a *Mesechta* that has been studied.

THURSDAY EVENING

○ SEARCH FOR CHOMETZ

The search for *Chometz* is performed on Thursday evening (13 Nissan) in the usual manner, without delay immediately after dusk. The blessing, *Al Biur Chometz*, is recited before the search and the pronouncement of the declaration of *Kol Chamira* is made instantly after the completion of the search.

The *Chometz* found and collected is set aside carefully, not to be lost or displaced, but carefully retained, to be burned the following morning.

FRIDAY

April 11, 2025 - 13th Nissan, 5785

○ BURNING OF THE CHOMETZ

The *Chometz* gathered in the previous night's search (or any additional *Chometz* to be disposed) is burned, preferably no later than 11:39 a.m. N.Y.C. D.S.T. The usual (second) recital of *Kol Chamira*, the nullifying of the *Chometz*, is **not** said until tomorrow (Saturday), following the Sabbath meal, early in the morning.

All *Chometz* must be sold in proper legal manner, preferably before 10:21 a.m. on Friday. The *Chometz* food, the *Lechem Mishneh* double loaves (Challahs), (suggest using pita bread which is practical because it does not crumble) prepared for the two Sabbath meals (Friday night and Saturday morning) should be carefully set aside. Again, the only *Chometz* at these meals should be the required *Lechem Mishneh* its use will facilitate matters for correct Sabbath observance.

○ CLEANING OF HOME AND KITCHEN FACILITIES:

By Friday afternoon the house should be thoroughly cleansed for *Passover*. Stoves, sinks, etc. should be fully ready for *Passover* use. The stove area where removable parts come in contact with food must already have been scrubbed and *kashered* (heated red hot). Other parts of the stove that come in contact with food and are not removable must be burnt red hot with a blowtorch. Thus, the stove is thoroughly prepared for *Passover* use even before the Sabbath begins.

All *Chometz* utensil should be hidden away. The meals should be cooked in *Passover* utensils, thus, with the ushering in of the Sabbath, the home is already *Pesachdig*, meaning that everything in the house has been thoroughly cleansed and cleared of all *Chometz* (except, as noted above, the *Lechem Mishneh*, necessary for the Sabbath meals). All cupboards must already be sealed and labeled "not for *Passover* use".

○ PREPARATION OF CERTAIN SEDER ITEMS:

Since we cannot cook or prepare anything on the Sabbath for the *Passover* holiday, certain foods that are required for the *Seder* should be prepared this Friday afternoon. They are:

- A) Roasted egg - ביצה B) Roasted shank bone - דרוג
C) Charoses - חרוסת D) Salt water

○ CONDUCT FOR SABBATH MEALS: FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL

It is suggested that the meal be prepared and cooked in *Passover* utensils. It is advisable that the *Lechem Mishneh* be kept in plastic bags, not to be removed until placed on the table. It is recommended that paper plates, plastic utensils (knife, fork, and spoon), and decorative paper tablecloths be used. All these, easily discarded, may be used on Friday night and Sabbath morning. The use of disposable utensils avoids the problem of mixing *Pesachdig* kitchenware and *Chometzdig* pottery and dishware. In consuming bread at the meals, one may eat outside on the porch or backyard (if permissible to carry). Recite the *Hamotzi* sweep the crumbs off the table and off the porch. One should **not** sweep the crumbs into the wind or out of an *Eiruv*. Continue the meal inside the home. *L'chatchila*, the *Birchas Hamazon* should

be recited where the bread was consumed.

If not wanting to use bread during these meals one may use מצה עשירה - *Matzoh* made with egg or fruit juice (and make *Hamotzi*) based on the Psak of Rav Moshe Feinstein זצ"ל. After the meal, the residue is wrapped within the paper tablecloth and according to Rabbi Soloveitchick זצ"ל thrown into the refuse Bizayon Ochlin - treating food disrespectfully (חיי אדם כלל מ"ה סי' ו) or flushed. To make it easier to clean the table, the candlesticks should be placed on a separate small table nearby, before the oncoming of the Sabbath.

SATURDAY MORNING

April 12, 14th Nissan 5785

○ SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

The Saturday morning service should begin early enough to terminate about 8:30 a.m. N.Y.C. D.S.T. The services should not be drawn out so that the second Sabbath *Chometz* meal terminates before the deadline hour of *Chometz*.

○ SECOND SABBATH MEAL

This second meal should be a simple one, not forgetting the *Lechem Mishneh* for the proper Sabbath *Hamotzi* blessing. Again, one should use paper plates, utensils, and tablecloths as on the previous night. The meal should be completed not later than 10:21 a.m. N.Y.C. D.S.T. No *Chometz* may be eaten afterwards. Any residue, remains or leavings of *Chometz* should be put in the garbage container in accordance with Rabbi Soloveitchick זצ"ל to avoid Bizayon Ochlin - treating food disrespectfully (חיי אדם כלל מ"ה סי' ו) or flushed. The second *Kol Chamira* is repeated no later than 11:39 a.m.

○ THE THIRD SABBATH MEAL

Since the *Seudah Shlishit* is eaten after midday. It is recommended that it be in accordance with the above recommendation of preparation of the meals using only *Passover* foods, it should be remembered that the *Matzoh* should **not** be eaten on the Sabbath day until the *Seder*.

The setting of the *Seder* table is to be done only after nightfall on Saturday night. At the *Seder* יקנה"ז is recited over the first cup.

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