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Shabbos תשפ"א



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Dear Friends,

The ROC of New Jersey is proud to present this e-pamphlet “When Erev Pesach Falls On Shabbos 5781” written by renowned Rabbi and Posek, Rabbi Reuven Drucker of Congregation Agudath Israel of Edison-Highland Park. Rabbi Drucker has graciously gifted this year’s iteration of the pamphlet to The ROC of New Jersey to express his support of our new organization, and our mission.

We are very appreciative of his generosity and hope that you will find this pamphlet informative as you go about your Pesach preparations on the rare occasion of Erev Pesach falling out on Shabbos. How rare you ask? The last time this occurred was thirteen years ago, the next time is in four years in 2025, and the next time after that twenty years later in 2045.

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The mission of The ROC of New Jersey is to introduce and promote the affordability and amenities of Raritan Valley to families looking to relocate to an established centrally located Jewish region of New Jersey, represent our needs to the broader community, unite our diverse population through community centered events, and provide assistance and support to individuals, families, businesses and institutions located in the communities of East Brunswick, Edison and Highland Park.

In less than six months we have assisted more than 50 individuals with our Employment Assistance Initiative providing those searching for employment with resume, career, interview and LinkedIn networking coaching, as well as partnering them with a mentor in their field and hosting a Job Board on our website with new jobs added daily. We helped our local small businesses with a Shop Local campaign, hosted a Covid-19 vaccination education program via Zoom with 350 participants, and have interceded on behalf of individuals facing bureaucratic issues such as having to work up until candle lighting on Erev Shabbos, not being able to access their unemployment funds, delays in receiving their passports, and difficulty in registering for a Covid-19 vaccine.

We are just getting started with many more new and exciting initiatives being rolled out in the weeks and months ahead. The ROC is OUR community. We all want our community to grow and prosper. We would like your partnership and support in making our goals a reality.

For more information about The ROC of New Jersey, please go to www.therocnj.org.

Best wishes to you and your family for a Chag Kosher V’sameach. Please stay healthy and have an enjoyable Yom Tov.

Thank you.



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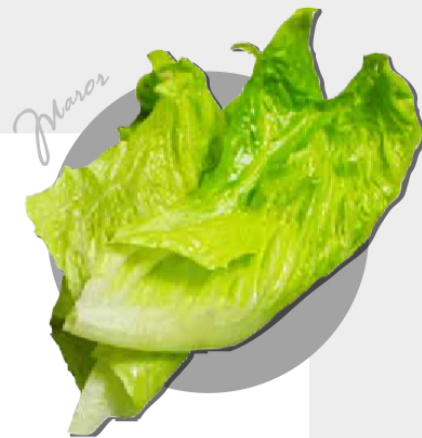
WHEN EREV PESACH FALLS ON A WEEKDAY, it is undoubtedly the busiest day of the year, since all the preparations needed for Yom Tov are permitted. However, when erev Pesach falls on Shabbos as it does this year, the laws of Shabbos restrict many of these preparations and therefore the standard routine of erev Pesach needs to be modified.

In addition, the restrictions of Pesach have a reciprocal effect on the routine of this Shabbos, since the restrictions of eating chometz apply as early as Shabbos morning. Furthermore, the constraints that Shabbos places on chometz disposal also affects the Shabbos menu as well as the clean-up after the meals.

The objective of this guide is to clarify many of the unusual circumstances that arise as the result of this rare and unique Shabbos, known in halacha as ערב פסח שחל להיות בשבת (When erev Pesach falls on Shabbos).

Note: For specific times in your city, please consult the **Pre-Pesach Schedule** found on page 10.





7 Nisan

Shabbos | March 20, 2021
SHABBOS HAGADOL (OBSERVED)

It is a time-hallowed tradition for the Rav to deliver a deroasha on Shabbos HaGadol in which he reviews the essential halachos of Pesach.¹ In order to allow enough time to implement the dinim discussed, it has become the custom in most communities to designate this Shabbos as Shabbos HaGadol,² even though it is not the Shabbos immediately

preceding Pesach. However, in many communities the Haftorah for Shabbos HaGadol is recited next Shabbos.³ Those who recite the Hagadah on erev Pesach would do so next Shabbos (see further, section 5:11).

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Thursday Morning | March 25, 2021
TA'ANIS BECHORIM- FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN BEGINS
[Consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column A

Typically, this fast falls on erev Pesach. However, this year we may not fast on Shabbos, so the fast is changed to the Thursday⁴ before. Fasting on erev Shabbos is avoided when possible, because it tends to create distress by the time Shabbos arrives. (When Pesach falls on Shabbos, the fast

would fall on Friday, however.) Most shuls make a Siyum on Thursday morning after davening in order to exempt the participants from the fast. One who does fast is not permitted to eat a full meal until after bedikas chometz.⁵

13 Nisan

Thursday Evening | March 25, 2021
BEDIKAS CHOMETZ BEGINS
[Consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column B

Since Chazal established that the search for chometz be performed with a lamp, the Bedikah this year is conducted on Thursday evening, instead of the night before the Seder evening, as would typically be done.

1. A regular Bedikah is performed preceded by the blessing, על ביעור חמץ.⁶

2. All chometz should be removed except for that which will be eaten on Friday and Shabbos.⁷ This remaining chometz should be stored carefully, lest it will be spread around and necessitate another Bedikah.

3. The text of Bitul Chometz [nullification of chometz] (בכל המידה) should be recited after the Bedikah Thursday evening⁸ as well as Shabbos morning upon conclusion of the morning meals.

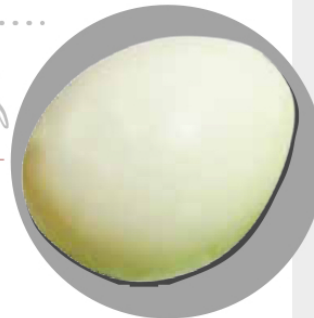
4. If one forgot to perform the Bedikah this evening, he should perform the search on Friday morning with a brocha and a lamp.⁹

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Friday Morning | March 26, 2021

[Consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column C

Beitz



SHACHARIS

Since this day is not erev Pesach, מזמור לתורה (Psalm 100) and למנוחה (Psalm 20) are not omitted from Shacharis.

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ

The Rav will arrange for the sale of chometz before — [consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column D. Although this year the sale of chometz is permissible all day erev Shabbos (since unlike a typical erev Pesach, there is no prohibition of benefiting from chometz on this day), we nevertheless treat the sale of chometz this year as we would in a regular year and perform the sale earlier in the day to avoid confusion in following years. Therefore, one should not purchase chometz (that he will not fully consume or destroy by the hour on Shabbos when chometz may no longer be owned — see further — Bi'ur Chometz) — after the Rabbi makes this sale with a non-Jew, since it will not be included in the transaction.¹⁰

If one failed to sell his chometz by the above time, it may still be sold; a Rav should be consulted.

The sale of chometz will be effective as of Friday for all chometz that will ultimately be in the seller's possession by — [consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column C — Shabbos morning.¹¹ Leftover chometz on Shabbos morning should be placed in the designated areas where one stores the chometz sold to the non-Jew.

BI'UR CHOMETZ

Burn chometz before — [consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column C.

5. The burning of the chometz should preferably take place at the beginning of the fifth hour — [consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column C — but if necessary, since Friday is not erev Pesach, it may be done until Shabbos begins.

6. Unlike other years, the text of Bitul Chometz need not be recited after the burning, since chometz may be kept for future meals on Friday and Shabbos morning. After the morning meal on Shabbos, Bitul Chometz must be made.¹²

7. Those who are not keeping any chometz for later use (see further – The Egg Matzah Option) may make Bitul Chometz after the burning, but should preferably repeat the Bitul on Shabbos morning.

CHOMETZ DISPOSAL

Trash is muktzeh on Shabbos, so all trash containing chometz should be placed at the curb before Shabbos and made hefker [owner-less] by declaring, "This item is hefker." In addition, trash cans should not be used if the city trash pick-up will occur after Shabbos morning, because the trash can, which one does not make hefker,

is considered a vessel and chometz therein is considered still in the domain of the owner. As a result, disposal would not be sufficient; burning would be necessary.¹³ Therefore, plastic bags should be used and both the bags and chometz should be declared hefker. (Note: the above consideration may not apply to municipally supplied trash cans and therefore, ask your Rav.)

Any unwanted chometz remaining after the Shabbos meals (e.g., bread crumbs or pieces) should be disposed of by flushing down the commode.¹⁴

MELACHA ON EREV YOM TOV

Erev Pesach has a festive status, because in the times of the Bais HaMikdosh, each person was registered for a Korbon Pesach [Passover offering]. Therefore, activity which is not permitted on Chol HaMoed (e.g., cutting grass) may not be done on erev Pesach after chatzos [midday]. However, if the Bais HaMikdosh were in operation this year, the korbon Pesach would be brought on Shabbos, not Friday, and thus melacha is permitted all day Friday this year.¹⁵ For example, one may cut hair and nails even after chatzos.

KASHERING UTENSILS

One may kasher chometz utensils for Pesach use all day Friday, although on a regular erev Pesach kashering by hagoloh (boiling water) is permitted only until the 5th hour. Kashering, however, may not be done on Shabbos.

PREPARING THE KITCHEN FOR PESACH USE

All coverings for chometz counters, tables, high chairs, etc. should be cut before Shabbos and any coverings which needs to be taped in place should be taped before Shabbos.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEDER

Ideally, one should set the Yom Tov table for the Seder on Friday in an area which will not be

needed for Shabbos. Additionally, all the Seder preparations should be finished on Friday so that the Seder may be started immediately upon returning from shul Motza'ei Shabbos. The Seder table, chairs, place settings and foods may not be prepared or arranged on Shabbos, since this would violate the prohibition against preparing on Shabbos for another day of the week.

MAROR

Those using lettuce for maror should examine all the leaves before Shabbos in order to ensure that they are insect-free. One should not soak the lettuce used for maror or the horseradish root in water for 24 hours, because soaking is halachically considered cooking, thus disqualifying the vegetable for maror. Therefore, these items should not be kept in water over Shabbos.¹⁶

Those who use ground horseradish for maror should grind it Friday (in the view of most Poskim) and keep it covered and refrigerated over Shabbos. The Vilna Gaon, however, required that the horseradish be ground upon returning from shul motza'ei Shabbos and left exposed to the air until the time of eating maror.¹⁷ If one follows this view, the maror should be grated with a shinuy [in an unusual fashion] - i.e., allowing the grated pieces to fall directly onto the counter top or table, instead of a plate.¹⁸

CHAROSES

The ingredients may be mixed together on Yom Tov. Nuts should be reduced in size with a shinuy,¹⁹ such as cutting with a knife. However, extra charoses for the second night may not be prepared the first night or day.²⁰

SALT WATER

Salt water may be prepared on Yom Tov if more than 1/3 is water.²¹ Some require a shinuy by adding the water first.²²



Z'ROAH AND BEITZEH

The bone and egg should be roasted in advance of Shabbos. If one forgot, they may be roasted on motza'ei Shabbos, if they will eaten on Sunday

during the day, a second batch would then need to be roasted on Sunday evening and eaten on Monday during the day.²³

14 Nisan

Shabbos | March 27, 2021

[Consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column D

1. Shacharis should be scheduled earlier than usual to allow everyone to return home and eat the Shabbos seudos with hamotzi before the time that chometz is forbidden — [consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column C. Shabbos morning davening should be completed in a dignified but expedited manner.²⁴

2. Due to the prohibition of eating matzah on erev Pesach, one may not eat baked goods containing matzah meal this Shabbos,²⁵ such as cookies or cake. However, foods containing matzah meal which are cooked in liquid (such as kneidelach) may be eaten this Shabbos,²⁶ until — [consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column E.²⁷

3. If chometz is used for hamotzi, the crumbs or leftovers should be flushed, or may be given as a gift to a non-Jew.²⁸ In a city with an eruv, the non-Jew may be directly told to remove the chometz from the house. However, in a city without an eruv, he should not be so instructed.²⁹ If he carries the chometz out of the house on his own, one need not protest.³⁰

4. If one forgot to sell his chometz before Shabbos, he should seek guidance from a Rav.³¹

5. Following the last chometz meal on Shabbos, one should recite the Bitul Chometz before — [consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column D — even if he believes he has no chometz left.³²

6. If chometz was used for the Shabbos meals, the crumbs from the tablecloth should be flushed and the room where chometz was eaten should be swept and the crumbs from the dustpan, broom, and one's pockets should be flushed. Sweeping with a stiff-bristled broom on Shabbos may not be done on rugs and carpets.³³

7. After eating chometz (but before the last time one may eat chometz — [consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column C — one should rinse his mouth to remove any residual chometz. One may use a dry chometz toothbrush, a toothpick, pre-cut dental floss, or mouthwash. However, one may not use toothpaste or a wet toothbrush on Shabbos. Although on a regular Shabbos one is not permitted to rinse the toothbrush following use, on this Shabbos it is permitted in order to clean off the chometz. However, one should be careful not to squeeze the bristles.³⁴

8. Dentures or other removable dental apparatus should not be used with hot chometz on this Shabbos.³⁵



9. Chometz becomes muktzeh after — **[consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column D** — and may, therefore, not be moved by a Jew. A non-Jew, however, may be instructed to move it.³⁶

10. In order to fulfill the views that seudah shlishis should be eaten on Shabbos afternoon and also requires hamotzi, it is recommended to have seudah shlishis twice. The Shabbos morning meal may be divided in two in order to fulfill the mitzvah of seudah shlishis with hamotzi (see further—The Shabbos Seudos). In addition, one should eat a second seudah shlishis consisting of fish, meat, and/or fruit, starting one-half hour after midday. Cakes made from egg matzah are not permitted after — **[consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column E**. Kneidelach should not be eaten after — **[consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column E**.

11. It is customary to recite the Hagadah on Shabbos afternoon from עבדים היינו "We were slaves..." לכפר על כל עונותינו to "to atone for our sins..."³⁷

12. Setting the table, arranging chairs, opening wine, and all other preparations for the Seder may not be done on Shabbos.

13. Although it is certainly permitted to rest on Shabbos in order to be alert for the Seder, nevertheless one should not verbally express, "I'm going to rest now for the Seder," for this type of speech is not permitted on Shabbos, since it indicates using Shabbos as preparation for another day.³⁸

15 Nisan

Motzei Shabbos | March 27, 2021

If any of the items needed for the Seder had not been prepared before Shabbos, refer to page 5 §: **PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEDER**.

THE SHABBOS SEUDOS

THE PROBLEM

When erev Pesach falls on Shabbos, there is a conflict between two competing halachos. On one hand, the laws of Shabbos require that we eat at least two meals with bread and preferably three.³⁹ On the other hand, the laws of erev Pesach restrict us from eating bread after the fourth hour of the day. Eating matzah is also forbidden on erev Pesach to make it evident that we are eating it at the Seder in order to fulfill the mitzvah.⁴⁰ In addition, the prohibitions of possessing chometz, even on erev Pesach,⁴¹ motivate us to diminish, if not entirely avoid, the use of chometz on this day.

What is the best way, then, to handle the Shabbos seudos?

There is an additional requirement to eat hot food on Shabbos. Although the Shulchan Oruch⁴³ discusses how to handle chometz cooking utensils that we used to cook and serve the Shabbos food for this Shabbos, it would be most advisable to avoid this issue entirely by preparing all cooked foods Pesachdik, in kosher for Pesach utensils. By so doing, the whole problem of Shabbos seudos is reduced to the choice of bread to be used for hamotzi.



SOLUTIONS

Essentially there are two options for hamotzi: challah and egg matzah.

THE CHALLAH OPTION

If challah is used, challah rolls are preferable because they produce fewer crumbs and leftovers. Since challah rolls are chometz, Pesach utensils may not be used at the table, even though all food was cooked kosher for Pesach. In addition, one would want to have all the chometz dishes away before Shabbos. Therefore, if one uses this option, it would be best to use disposable eating utensils at the table⁴⁴ as well as a disposable tablecloth. After the meal, all crumbs should be gathered from the tablecloth and dishes and flushed and the disposable items deposited in the trash.

THE EGG MATZAH OPTION

Although one is not permitted to eat matzah on erev Pesach, this restriction refers only to matzah which one could use to fulfill the mitzvah of eating matzah on the Seder night. Egg matzah (known as matzah ashirah) is disqualified for the mitzvah of eating matzah at the Seder and may be eaten on erev Pesach.⁴⁵ According to the view of Rav Moshe Feinstein זצ"ל,⁴⁶ one may use egg matzah for lechem mishneh on Shabbos provided he eats a quantity sufficient to indicate that he has "established his meal" with this matzah. (The quantity of egg matzah needed to "establish one's meal" is equal to the amount of challah one usually eats.) The brocha on egg matzah is normally borei minei mezonos,



but when one "establishes his meal" on it, he is required to wash al netilas yadayim beforehand, make hamotzi, and recite bircas hamazon afterwards. Egg matzah should not be eaten after the time that chometz is forbidden — **[consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column D**. Some have the practice of using disposable implements to avoid the transfer of egg matzah crumbs to their Pesachdik utensils, since it is Ashkenazic custom not to eat egg matzah on Pesach under normal circumstances.⁴⁷

THREE SEUDOS WITH HAMOTZI

Because it is preferable to have three meals on Shabbos with hamotzi, both those using challah and those using egg matzah should divide the Shabbos morning seudah into two. After returning from shul, one should make Kiddush, was netilas yadayim, and make hamotzi. Then the majority of the Shabbos meal should be eaten⁴⁸ and the bircas hamazon recited. One should then engage in a different activity (such as going for a short walk or learning).⁴⁹ Following this interruption, he should wash netilas yadayim, make hamotzi, eat a sufficient quantity of bread or egg matzah, clean up any crumbs, and flush the crumbs away. Then the remainder of the seudah should be eaten and the final clean-up of the floor and cleaning one's mouth should take place before — **[consult Pre-Pesach Schedule] Column D**. It goes without saying that if time does not permit one to make hamotzi and eat before the proper time, the prohibition of eating chometz takes precedence and one should refrain from making hamotzi.

IN CONCLUSION

Let it be our hope and prayer that the excitement generated by the changes in our routine this erev Pesach be eclipsed in the very near future by the spiritual exaltation of celebrating the Yom Tov of Pesach in its entirety with the korban Pesach in Yerushalayim Ir HaKodesh in close proximity to the Bayis Shlishi. אמן בן יהי רצון

Pre-Pesach Schedule

City	Ta'anis Bechorim begins	Bedikas Chometz begins	Burn Chometz by	Finish Eating Chometz by	No Mezonos After
	A	B	C	D	E
	Thursday March 25	Thursday March 25	Friday March 26	Shabbos March 27	Shabbos March 27
Brooklyn, NY	5:38 am	8:03 pm	11:47 am	10:33 am	4:09 pm
Baltimore	5:49 am	8:14 pm	11:58 am	10:43 am	4:20 pm
Brookline	5:26 am	7:53 pm	11:35 am	10:21 am	3:58 pm
Chicago	5:33 am	7:59 pm	11:42 am	10:27 am	4:05 pm
Cincinnati	6:20 am	8:45 pm	12:29 pm	11:14 pm	4:51 pm
Cleveland	6:14 am	8:34 pm	12:17 pm	11:02 am	4:40 pm
Denver	5:44 am	8:07 pm	11:51 am	10:36 am	4:13 pm
Detroit (Oak Park)	6:14 am	8:41 pm	12:24 pm	11:09 am	4:47 pm
Highland Park/ Edison/East Brunswick	5:40 am	8:05 pm	11:49 am	10:34 am	4:11 pm
Lakewood	5:39 am	8:04 am	11:48 am	10:33 am	4:10 pm
Los Angeles	5:37 am	7:59 pm	11:45 am	10:30 am	4:05 pm
Miami	6:06 am	8:24 pm	12:13 pm	10:58 am	4:31 pm
Monsey	5:38 am	8:04 pm	11:47 am	10:33 am	4:10 pm
Montreal	5:35 am	8:03 pm	11:45 am	10:30 am	4:09 pm
Philadelphia	5:43 am	8:08 pm	11:52 am	10:37 am	4:13 pm
Pittsburgh	6:02 am	8:27 pm	12:11 pm	10:56 am	4:33 pm
San Francisco	5:53 am	8:16 pm	12:01 pm	10:47 am	4:23 pm
Seattle	5:49 am	8:19 pm	11:59 am	10:44 am	4:25 pm
St. Louis	5:44 am	8:08 pm	11:53 am	10:38 am	4:14 pm
Toronto	5:59 am	8:26 pm	12:08 pm	10:54 am	4:31 pm

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