

COMMON PESACH FOODS AND THEIR BRACHOS

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FOOD	BRACHA RISHONA	BRACHA ACHARONA
Egg Matzah ⁵	Mezonos ⁵	<i>Al Hamichya</i> ⁵
Gefilte Fish (with or without matzah meal)	Shehakol	Borei Nefashos
Grape Juice	Hagafen	<i>Al Hagefen</i> See footnotes #1 and #6
Grape Juice mixed with water or other beverages	See Footnote #2	See Footnote #2
<i>Kneidlach</i> (matzah balls)	Mezonos	<i>Al Hamichya</i>
Macaroons (from shredded coconut - still <i>nikkar</i> ³)	He'eitz	Borei Nefashos
Macaroons (from ground coconut or paste)	Shehakol	Borei Nefashos
Matzah (wheat, whole wheat, oat, spelt)	Hamotzi	Birchas Hamazon
Matzah Brei	See Footnote #4	See Footnote #4
Matzah Cereal (from matzah meal)	Mezonos	<i>Al Hamichya</i>
Matzah Kugel/Stuffing	Mezonos	<i>Al Hamichya</i>
Matzah Lasagna ⁷	Hamotzi	Birchas Hamazon
Matzah Meal Cake	Mezonos ¹⁰	<i>Al Hamichya</i>
Matzah Meal Rolls ⁸	Mezonos	<i>Al Hamichya</i>
Matzah Pizza ⁷	Hamotzi	Birchas Hamazon
Nut Flour Cake (e.g., made from almond flour etc.)	Shehakol ¹¹	Borei Nefashos
Potato Kugel (made from shredded potatoes - still <i>nikkar</i> ³)	Ho'adama	Borei Nefashos
Potato Kugel (from potatoes ground into a pudding-like substance so potatoes are no longer <i>nikkar</i> ³)	Shehakol	Borei Nefashos
Potato Starch Cake	Shehakol ¹¹	Borei Nefashos
Quinoa (cooked) ⁹	Ho'adama	Borei Nefashos
Quinoa Flour Products (e.g., quinoa cake and cookies, quinoa pancakes)	Shehakol	Borei Nefashos
<i>Teiglach</i> (matzah meal cooked in sweet syrup)	Mezonos	<i>Al Hamichya</i>
Wine	Hagafen	<i>Al Hagefen</i> See footnotes #1 and #6

Footnotes to “Common Pesach Foods and Their Brachos” Chart

1. A *bracha acharona* is recited when drinking at least a *revi'is* (3.8 fl. oz.) within a 30 second span. If one drank more than 1.0 fl. oz. (*kezayis* according to some opinions) and less than 3.8 fl. oz. (and cannot drink more) even within a 30 second span, a *bracha acharona* is not recited. However, if one also requires an *Al Hamichya* or *Al Ha'eitz* at this time, one can also include *Al Hagefen*. See *Mishnah Berurah* [M.B.] 208:82.
2. This depends on the percentage of grape juice. If there is a majority (*rov*) of grape juice (51%), recite *Hagafen/Al Hagefen*. However, if the mixture is *rov* water (or *rov* of another beverage, such as apple juice) the *bracha* depends on various factors. See *Rama* 202:1, M.B. & *Biur Halacha*. Consult a *rav*.
3. *Nikkar* means it is still noticeable. Typically, shredded coconut or grated potatoes are considered *nikkar* and the original *bracha* is retained. However, if finely ground or processed the original form is no longer *nikkar* and the *bracha* is changed to *Shehakol*. See M.B. 208:37-38.
4. Matzah brei is typically made from matzah that was broken into pieces less than a *kezayis*. The fact that they are reformed into a *kezayis* is irrelevant. The *halacha* is as follows: If the pieces of matzah were boiled in water (or submerged into a *kli rishon*), or the matzah is no longer *nikkar* (e.g., fried in oil with eggs), one recites *Mezonos/Al Hamichya*. If, however, the matzah was not boiled but only pan fried with no oil or butter, and the matzah is still *nikkar*, one recites *Hamotzi/Birchas Hamazon*. See *Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim* [S.A. O.C.] 168:10 & M.B.
5. Egg matzah and *matzah ashira* may not be eaten on Pesach according to Ashkenazic practice, except by the sick or elderly who cannot eat regular matzah and require egg matzah. Consult your *rav*. Please note: Even the sick and elderly cannot fulfill the obligation to eat matzah at the Seder with these types of *matzos*. As noted in the chart, in general, the *bracha rishona* is *Mezonos* and the *bracha acharona* is *Al Hamichya*. However, if one is *kovea seuda* on it (e.g., as part of a full meal) recite *Hamotzi* and *Birchas Hamazon*. See *Rama* O.C. 462:4.
6. The *bracha acharona* on wine and grape juice produced in Israel ends with the words “*v'al pri gafna*” (instead of “*v'al pri hagafen*”). See *Birkei Yosef* O.C. 208:58.
7. We assume the pieces of matzah are still *nikkar* as matzah, or at least one piece of matzah remained a *kezayis*. See S.A. O.C. 168:10 & M.B.
8. We assume that the matzah rolls are made from matzah meal that was put into a *kli rishon* of water, or the rolls' do not have the texture of bread (i.e., no *tzuras hapas*). See S.A. O.C. 168:10 & M.B.
9. Quinoa may need to be checked for possible insect infestation. See star-k.org.
10. If matzah meal cake is eaten for dessert at the end of a meal that began with matzah/*Hamotzi*, no *bracha* is recited on the cake.
11. If potato starch cake (or any other *Shehakol* 'cake' e.g., made from almond flour) is eaten for dessert at the end of a meal that began with matzah/*Hamotzi*, a *Shehakol* is recited.