



FROM DARKNESS TO GREAT LIGHT

There's a beautiful, yet strange, formulation in the Haggadah that is as relevant now as it was then. See the paragraph of Divine praise and thanks below:

לְפִיכָךְ אֲנַחֲנוּ חַיִּימִים לַהֲדוּת, לְהַלֵּל, לְשַׁבַּח, לְפַאֵר, לְרוֹמֵם, לְהַדָּר, לְבָרֵךְ,
לְעֹלָה, וּלְקַלֵּס לְמִי שֶׁעָשָׂה לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְלָנוּ אֶת-כָּל-הַנִּסִּים הָאֵלֶּה
וּמֵאֲפֵלָה לְאוֹר גָּדוֹל, וּמִשְׁעָבוֹד לְגֹאֲלָהּ הוֹצִיאָנוּ מֵעֲבָדוֹת לְחֵרֻת, מִיָּגוֹן לְשִׂמְחָה,
וּמֵאֲכָל לַיּוֹם טוֹב חֲדָשָׁה וְנֹאמַר לְפָנָיו שִׁירָה.

*Therefore it is our duty to thank, praise, laud, glorify, exalt, honor, bless, raise high, and acclaim the One who has performed all these miracles for our ancestors and for us; who has brought us out from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, from grief to celebration; from **Darkness to Great Light** and from enslavement to redemption; and so we shall sing a new song before Him.*

We know that God took us from "slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, from grief to celebration and from enslavement to redemption"- but what does it mean to have taken us from "Darkness to Great Light?" Think about the famous Acheinu solidarity prayer that we've been reciting devotedly each day since October 7th - אַחֵינוּ כָּל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל הַנִּתְּוֵנִים בַּצָּרָה וּבַשְּׂבִיָּה הָעוֹמְדִים בֵּין בָּיִם וּבֵין בִּיבָשָׁה - אֶחָיוּת הַמִּקּוֹם יָרַחם עֲלֵיהֶם וְיוֹצִיאֵם מִצָּרָה לְרִחוּקָהּ וּמִשְׁעָבוֹד לְגֹאֲלָהּ. We beseech Hashem to take our brothers and sisters out "from distress into relief and out of Darkness into Light - we don't ask for an אֹר גָּדוֹל just a little bit of light would be enough, especially when you're mired in darkness. Think about our holy hostages - living, breathing, embodiments of the Holocaust survivors of our parents', grandparents' and great-grandparents' generations. Do you think it matters to those still in captivity, and mattered to those who have, Baruch Hashem, emerged alive on the other side of this dark hellish ordeal - whether their homecoming would feel like just a little bit of light, or a great light of triumph and joy? Of course not! In that hell, in that darkness - chained and starved for food, human interaction, and even the light of day - whatever light they could get in just being freed to return to their homes and families would be, and would have been, enough - Dayenu! So what in the world are we acknowledging and praying for when we thank Hashem for taking us out of the Darkness into an אֹר גָּדוֹל - a Great Light?

17 years ago, on this Shabbat HaGadol in 2008, the calendar fell out in the exact same way and our community suffered an unimaginable loss. Rabbi Jacob and Debbie Rubenstein z"l died in their home, in a house fire, in the actual original site of the Young Israel of Scarsdale. It was an incalculable loss, first and foremost, to their family, to our community and to all of Am Yisrael.

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At the time, I referred to it as the Shabbat of Darkness - in one way or another, we all felt the tragic אִפְלָה that befell our Kehillah. It was hard to imagine where we would go from there and how we would recover; yet, here we are 17 years later, there are new Jacobs and Debbie's in the world, their beautiful family has grown up, molded in their image, of love of life, love of Torah and love of Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael. And our YIS family has grown as well, molded in their image, standing on their shoulders as a new generation has emerged in this incredible community that they built together with so many who continue to anchor themselves within our midst; all of you who I have been, Baruch Hashem, privileged to grow (up) together with here in Scarsdale.

It was incredible to be a part of and witness our wildly successful Erev Shabbat Purim/Shabbat Seudah with over 400 men, women and children in attendance. I'm still blown away by it. We expected maybe 100-150 people, but we had over 400! Our Rabbinic team employed an obscure Halacha of "Poreis Mapah U'Mekdaish" to merge the Purim Seudah with davening and the Shabbat meal and it was executed to perfection, thanks, in large part, to our incredible Sisterhood. But do you know where I even first heard about doing something like that for the Purim Seudah on the rarest of times when Purim falls out on a Friday? I heard and learned about it from Rabbi Rubenstein z"l, because that's what he did for his family on Purim, in the beginning of my time in Shul and, as he excitedly explained the concept to me, I always hoped that one day we'd have the opportunity to do that ourselves.

וּמִאִפְלָה לְאוֹר גָּדוֹל - With the benefit of time, healing and perspective, even a Shabbat of Darkness can morph into a Great Light - taking the lives, lessons and legacies of the Rabbi and Debbie with us - never, Chas V'Shalom, moving on *from* them, but moving *with* them in our minds, hearts and souls. This is the secret of the "Great Light," it is the ability to look back at where you were and marvel at where you've gone from there - and where you are now. This message is so very poignant as our community is officially and rapidly on the cusp of a new and exciting expansion to match the needs of our dynamic Kehillah as it continues to grow and lead Am Yisrael into the future. We know where we've come from and we know where we're going.

On a whole other level (because there are no comparisons to 10/7 since the Holocaust), October 7th, in most circles in Israel, has also been called השבת השחורה. And there is so much of that Darkness and despair that we are still feeling for all the bereaved families of soldiers and those who were killed on that Dark day and for those who were murdered in captivity. And with so many hostages still held captive that Dark veil has still not lifted. However, we know, and Jewish History has proven to us, that there is an "end to the darkness" and, B'ezrat Hashem, in the coming months and years ahead there is an אוֹר גָּדוֹל that has been sown, but has yet to be seen by us. However, just as it came to pass for the Jews who left the Darkness of Egypt, and just as it has come to pass for those in our people's greatest generation of survivors and thrivers, and just as it is, Baruch Hashem, coming to pass for us here, in our community, the Great Light will be seen once again for all of Am Yisrael in Medinat Yisrael and throughout the world, everywhere...Amein!

WISHING YOU ALL A REDEMPTIVE CHAG KASHER V'SAMEACH, ALEINU V'AL KOL AM YISRAEL!

Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern and Family

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ב"ה
YOUNG ISRAEL OF SCARSDALE
5785
Pesach
2025 Schedule



Thursday, 4/10
Taanit Bechorot

- 5:12am • Fast Begins
6:45am • Shacharit
7:30am • Siyum
8:00am • Shacharit
7:15pm • Mincha/Maariv
Bedikat Chametz After • 8:12pm

**UPDATED
TIMES!**

Friday, 4/11

- 7:00am | 8:10am • Shacharit
★ 6:30pm • Mincha
7:12pm • Candle Lighting

**Biur
Chametz
@YIWP**
on Fri. 4/11
10:30 - 11am

Shabbat, 4/12
Erev Pesach

- ★ 7:30am • Communal Shacharit
10:20am • Latest Time to Eat Chametz &
Finish Shabbat Meal
11:38am • Latest Time to Dispose of Chametz
7:15pm • Mincha/Maariv
8:14pm • Candle Lighting*

Begin Seder After • 8:14pm**

Sunday, 4/13
1st Day of Pesach

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
★ 9:15am • Main Shul
9:15am • Sephardic Minyan
7:25pm • Mincha/Maariv
8:15pm • Candle Lighting*

Monday, 4/14
2nd Day of Pesach - 1st Day of Omer

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
★ 9:15am • Main Shul
9:15am • Sephardic Minyan
7:25pm • Mincha/Maariv
8:17pm • Yom Tov Ends/Havdalah**

Tuesday, 4/15
Chol Hamoed - 2nd Day of Omer

- 7:00am | 8:00am • Shacharit
7:25pm • Mincha/Maariv

Wednesday, 4/16
Chol Hamoed - 3rd Day of Omer

- 7:00am | 8:00am • Shacharit
7:25pm • Mincha/Maariv

Thursday, 4/17
Chol Hamoed - 4th Day of Omer

- 7:00am | 8:00am • Shacharit
7:25pm • Mincha/Maariv

Friday, 4/18
Chol Hamoed - 5th Day of Omer

- 7:00am • Shacharit
8:00am • Shacharit
7:00pm • Mincha
7:19pm • Candle Lighting

Shabbat, 4/19
7th Day of Pesach - 6th Day of Omer

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
9:00am • Main Shul
9:00am • Sephardic Minyan
7:25pm • Mincha
8:22pm • Candle Lighting*

Sunday, 4/20 - 8th Day of Pesach
Yizkor - 7th Day of Omer

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
9:00am • Main Shul
9:00am • Sephardic Minyan
10:30am • Yizkor
7:30pm • Mincha/Maariv
7:45pm • Neilat HaChag-Closing Pesach Meal
8:24pm • Yom Tov Ends/Havdalah**
9:15pm • Retrieval of Chometz

**"Pre-Pesach"
Dinner**
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for details!

Key:
* From Existing Flame
** Wine Only
★ Note Time Change

Halachic Notes:
On Shabbat 4/19
we read
Shir HaShirim

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How is This Erev Pesach (Shabbat) Different From All Arvei Pesachim?



With Pesach falling out on Motzaei Shabbat, the tradition and laws that we follow look somewhat different. The Rabbis of YIS want you to go into Pesach prepared with the right information and have made this guide to help you smoothly and accurately observe Shabbat and all its halachot as we enter into Pesach.

Taanit Bechorot
Fast of the First Born
Thursday, 4/10
Begins @ 5:12am
Siyum @ 7:30am

Bedikat Chametz



Should be performed
after
Nightfall on
Thursday, 4/10

Serving Chametz on Shabbat

Eating Chametz and using Chametz utensils pose challenges Halachically for this Shabbat. For this reason, we recommend eating Kosher for Pesach products and prepared foods on this Shabbat. Using disposable utensils and disposing of them properly is also highly recommended. On this note, if you intend on eating Chametz on Friday Night and/or Shabbat Morning, please be sure that everything is cleaned up and disposed of properly by 10:20am on Shabbat morning.

In the event that you eat Chametz on Shabbat (night or day), a disposable table cover should be used and discarded after the meal.

While there are many halachically appropriate ways to fulfill having bread at our Shabbat meals, our recommendation is to use Egg Matzah for HaMotzi* which will eliminate all issues regarding Chametz as we head into Pesach.

On Shabbat morning, the meal should be finished by 10:20am. Following that time, any excess Chametz that was not already disposed of on Friday before Shabbat needs to be disposed of by flushing it in the toilet or putting it into the trash-can and bringing it to the curb before 11:38am. At this point, if you have partaken of Chametz over Shabbat, one must recite the **Kol Chamirah** declaration customarily recited at the disposal of Chametz. However, in the event that you will not partake of Chametz from the onset of Shabbat, then you should say Kol Chamirah on Friday, Erev Shabbat, when burning/disposing of the Chametz. If Chametz remains (or is found) after disposal and over the holiday, as is the accepted Halacha, you should cover it with a vessel until Chol HaMoed, and dispose of it then.

**This dispensation only applies to Ashkenazim, because according to prevailing Sephardic Halachic opinion, one cannot make HaMotzi on egg Matzah. The Sephardim should enjoy their Challah while they can!*

Seudah Shlishit

While there are many recommendations on how to have Seudah Shlishit (i.e. a second Shabbat meal on Shabbat morning), we recommend that you fulfill your obligation by eating your first meal with egg matzah **in the morning before 10:20am** and then be Yotzei Seudah Shlishit with eating meat, fish, or fruit for lunch on Shabbat afternoon - **without making HaMotzi** - because eating Chametz or even regular Matzah and/or egg Matzah at that time is prohibited.

(There are those who recommend eating two meals back to back with Egg Matzah, washing and benching in between both of them, and while you are welcome to do this, for our purposes, we see that as impractical on a Shabbat morning such as this.)

Preparing for the Seder on Shabbat

Preparation for the Seder may not be done on Shabbat, including grinding horseradish, checking lettuce, making charoset, or preparing the Seder Table (we recommend setting the Seder table Friday before Shabbat, or on Saturday Night). After Shabbat, one should daven Maariv or recite the abbreviated Havdalah ("Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh le'kodesh") before beginning preparations. Full Havdalah is recited during the Seder as part of Kiddush.

Lighting Candles for Pesach Night

Since Yom Tov begins after Shabbat, candles may only be lit from an existing flame that was prepared on Friday.

Havdalah on the First Night of Pesach

Havdalah is recited in Kiddush at the Seder before Shehecheyanu. The Yom Tov candles serve as the Havdalah flame. Some place two Yom Tov candles side by side to resemble a multi-wicked candle, while others leave them in the candlesticks. Note, however, that the wicks should not be intertwined in the usual Havdalah manner.

**If you have any questions,
please reach out to
Rabbi Morgenstern & Rabbi Klinger**



Maot Chittim

In accordance with long standing Jewish tradition & Halacha we ask you to donate to the Maot Chittim Campaign, these funds will enable the poor, the needy and the lonely, both locally and in Eretz Yisrael, to receive much needed support before and during the holiday.

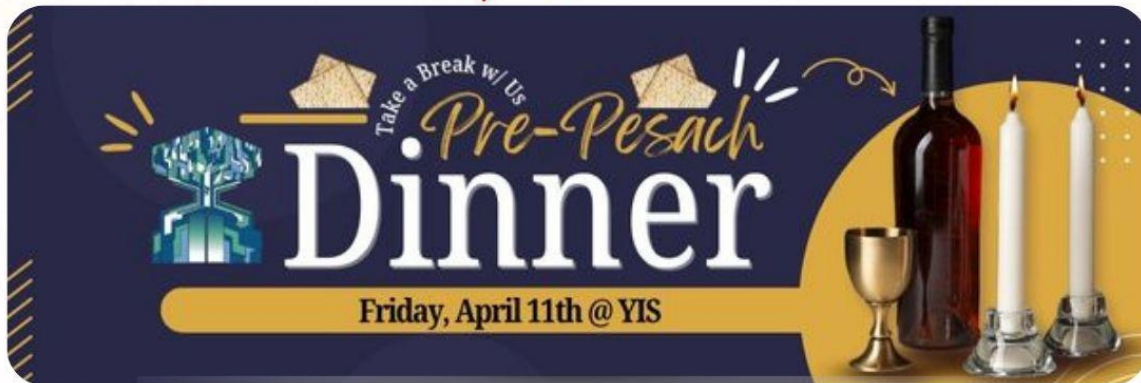
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Sale of Chametz Hours

w/ Rabbi Morgenstern

- Wednesday, 4/2 from 6:30pm - 7:10pm
- Thursday, 4/3 from 6:30pm - 7:10pm
- Sunday, 4/6 from 6:30pm - 7:15pm



Dear Friends -

As we have had enough interest in our community, we are happy to provide the Pre-Pesach dinner for our YIS families! The dinner will be ordered from Seasons and the food will be Pesach-dik, as their kitchens are all already primed for Pesach.

Friday, April 11th @ 7:30pm (After Davening @ 6:30pm)

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR OUR
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Deadline to RSVP: Wednesday, April 9th

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PREPARING THE KITCHEN

It is preferable to have separate dishes, pots, pans, and utensils set aside and used only for Pesach. If one needs to kasher dishes, sinks, stoves, ovens, etc. one ought to be familiar with the rules of kashering. Generally, there are two ways of kashering: *Libun* – intense heat-fire and *Hagallah* –boiling water. How an item is used in cooking determines the manner in which it is kashered. If it has been used in an oven it is kashered with *Libun*. Items used on a stove, in food preparation and eating, are to be kashered by *Hagallah*. All items that are to be kashered must first be completely clean and not be used for twenty-four hours prior to kashering. Any questions may be submitted to the rabbi.

China, pottery, earthenware, non-stick and similarly coated pots and pans, enameled pots, pans and ladles, and utensils **cannot be kashered**.

Cupboards, counters, cabinets, etc., are thoroughly cleaned and then covered with cardboard, or metal or contact paper. **Most countertops may be kashered** with boiling water or a hand-held steamer and do not require any covering.

The **Sink and Faucets** must be kashered or covered. Stainless sinks may be kashered with boiling water while porcelain or enamel sinks must be cleaned very well and lined. Leave the sink unused for 24 hours, then pour boiling water over every part of the sink, faucet/spout.

Porcelain Dishwasher: Home dishwashers that are made of non-kasherable porcelain, may not be kashered for Pesach.

Stainless Steel Dishwasher: Even with plastic racks it may be kashered by the following method: Do not use it for 24 hours then raise the temperature on your home boiler to higher than its normal setting, then run the dishwasher on the highest cycle once with soap and then repeat the highest dishwashing cycle once more without soap.

Food Processor: A new container cover and blades must be purchased for Pesach. The motor housing should be thoroughly cleaned.

Refrigerator & Freezer: Defrost, clean thoroughly and preferably line the shelves.

Hot Water Urn: Fill the urn to the top with water, then heat to maximum temperature. Pour boiling water from a pot which was on the flame into the urn, causing the water to run over the rim, then pour hot water onto and into the spigot.

Microwave Oven: Clean microwave thoroughly and do not use for 24 hours. Boil a cup of water in the chamber for approximately 7 minutes on high, until the chamber fills with steam. Then, repeat the same process one more time. The glass plate cannot be kashered (or used) and should be removed before kashering begins. For Pesach, it is a commendable extra precaution to cover all foods in the microwave, even after performing the above kashering.

Regular Oven: Do not use oven for 24 hours. Apply "Easy Off" or a similar oven cleaner and clean the oven manually as best as you can. Then set the oven to its maximum temperature on high for 1.5 hrs.

BBQ Grill: Either get new grates or you can Kasher it by placing coal briquettes all over the grill on the grates and touching the inner side walls of the grill as well, then light them up and cover the grill letting it burn for 1.5 hrs.

Self-Cleaning Oven: A self-cleaning oven is essentially self-kashering. Run oven through self-clean cycle. Clean outer rim of oven. *If self-cleaning cycle cannot be administered with the racks inside, then run the oven on the highest temperature for one hour and a half with the racks inside, then after they cool down, remove the racks, and run the self-clean cycle on its own. After that, the racks can be placed back inside the oven for Pesach use.*

Warming drawer: May be kashered in the following way. Wait 24 hours from last use, clean thoroughly, then put a tin of hot (faucet) water on the left side of the warming drawer, put it on high for 30 minutes until the warming drawer is filled with steam. Then move the tin to the right side of the drawer and repeat for another 30 minutes. After it cools, line the surface with tin foil and it is then fit for use on Pesach.

Stove Top: Clean thoroughly all around, and kasher grates in a self-cleaning oven or by cleaning grates, and running the gas jets on high for at least 12 minutes. To kasher an electric top, clean coils and heat until they glow red hot. Cover surface around the grates with foil.

Glass Top: The two most popular brands are Corning and Ceran. These can be kashered by leaving all four burners on for an hour. The area between the burners should be covered with aluminum foil. However, please check with the manufacturer, as this may cause damage to the glass on some stove tops. If this area cannot be covered, then it must be thoroughly cleaned.

Tablecloths: Machine wash fabric tablecloths prior to Pesach. Since some new tablecloths may be starched, new tablecloths should also be washed before Pesach. Plastic and vinyl tablecloths used year-round may not be used.

Table Top: Clean thoroughly and cover. If the table has leaves it should be opened and the supports and the leaves carefully cleaned. Then the table should be covered.

Highchairs/Boosters: must be cleaned completely. Some people have a separate tray for Pesach; if not, the tray must be completely covered, or pour boiling hot water over the surface of the tray.

Cookbooks: Those that are used all year round should be put away with the Chometz.

KITNIYOT

Kitniyot products or their derivatives are used on Pesach by Sephardim, but not by Ashkenazim. The following is a list of foods considered to be kitniyot which are avoided on Passover: Anise, Aspartame, Beans, Black eye peas, Buckwheat, Canola oil, Caraway, Chickpeas, Coriander, Corn, Corn syrup/Glucose syrup, Cumin, Fennel, Fenugreek, Flax seeds, Kasha, Kimmel, Lentils, Licorice, Lucerne, Lupine, Millet, MSG, Mustard, Peanuts, Popcorn, Poppy seeds, Saffron, Sesame seeds, Sorbitol, Soy oil, Corn oil, Soy, String beans, Sunflower seeds, Tofu, Vetch, Wild rice.

NOTE: Many items from Israel, which are Kosher for Passover, are made with *Kitniyot* rendering the product not suitable on Pesach for Ashkenazim. Please read labels carefully.

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MEDICATIONS ON PESACH

Before taking prescription medication on Pesach, consult your physician and the Rabbi. Generally, *Pikuach Nefesh* (danger to life/general health and wellbeing) overrides kashrut/chometz considerations.

All pill medication (with or without chometz) that one swallows is permitted without special supervision. Vitamins and food supplements do not necessarily fall into this category.

All liquid and chewable medications that have *kitniyot* may be consumed by one who is ill. All liquid and chewable medications that have chometz or questionable chometz should not be used.

COSMETICS & TOILETRIES

All varieties of body soaps, shampoos, and stick deodorants are permitted for use on Pesach regardless of its ingredients.

All types of ointments, creams, newly purchased non-flavored lipsticks, nail polish, hand lotions, eye shadow, eyeliner, mascara, blush, foot and face powders, colognes, perfumes, hairspray, shaving lotions, deodorant, toothpaste, and mouthwash may be used regardless of its ingredients.

FOODS TO PURCHASE BEFORE PESACH FOR USE ON PESACH:

- Milk – all kinds (including Lactaid)
- Eggs
- Pre-cut veggies, Pre-cut fruit
- Frozen Unprocessed Meats/Poultry

Quinoa

Quinoa is approved for Passover consumption. However, only certain brands are acceptable for Passover use. There are several brands that are now Star-K and OU certified for Passover, look for the certification on the label. Otherwise, only purchase Quinoa in a reputable Kosher market.

PROBLEMATIC FOODS & ITEMS

Baby Food: May be made on Chometz equipment. Needs Passover certification.

Baby Formula: Consult a rabbinic authority for acceptable brands. Most acceptable brands do contain kitniyot, and therefore care should be taken to keep bottles away from Pesach food areas. They should not be washed in the kitchen sink, rather wash them in the bathroom sink.

Confectioner's Sugar: May contain cornstarch. Needs Passover certification.

Coffee: Many companies now produce grain blend and flavored coffee on the same equipment used to produce regular coffee. Most flavored coffees and decaf coffees require Passover certification.

Egg Matzah, Chocolate Covered Egg Matzah, Egg Matzah "Crackers": According to Ashkenazic tradition, these may not be eaten except by very young children, the elderly, and the infirmed.

Frozen Vegetables: May be pre-cooked before freezing on same equipment as chometz such as pasta and pasta/vegetable derivatives. Or, washed in a chometz vegetable wash. Needs Passover certification.

Fruit Juice: Many fruit juices are treated with kitniyot derivatives. Needs Passover certification.

Imported Products: Even those with Kosher for Pesach designation must be checked to be sure they are free of kitniyot.

Nuts: Roasted nuts need Pesach certification.

Pet Foods: These often contain chometz and must be sold together with your chometz, along with your pets. For more clarification, speak to the Rabbi. However, one may feed kitniyot to pets.

PlayDoh: Contains chometz and must be discarded before Pesach or sold.

Seltzer and Soda: May contain *kitniyot* or chometz fermentation products such as carbonating agents or flavoring. Needs Passover certification.

Spices: Processed spices such as onion powder, garlic powder, garlic salt, seasoned salt, curry, spice blends and spices containing free flow agents must bear Pesach certification.

Vinegar: Both wine and cider vinegar may contain chometz fermentation products. Needs Passover certification.

Vitamins: May contain chometz. If daily use is a medical necessity consult a rabbinic authority for further guidance before purchasing.

MECHIRAT CHOMETZ

Any chometz legally owned by a Jew during Passover is unconditionally forbidden for use after Passover as well.

The necessary solution of this problem is the legal transfer of ownership of the *chometz* to a non-Jew. The complexity of the law in such a sale requires rabbinic guidance and is generally arranged by the rabbi.

All chometz left over should be assembled and placed in a designated room or closet or trunk, etc., and locked until after Passover. The Rabbi must be formally authorized to act as the agent of the seller and negotiate the transfer to the non-Jew. Not only does he sell the *chometz* but he also rents to the non-Jew the area in which the chometz is located with the right of entry and use.

The transaction of the sale of chometz is a completely legal one, giving the non-Jew all rights of ownership over the chometz that has been sold to him.

After Passover, your agent, the Rabbi, may repurchase the chometz from him. Reasonable time should, therefore, be allowed for this repurchase before it may be touched.

REMEMBER: People who leave their homes before Pesach must do Bedikat Chometz on the night before their departure without a Bracha.

BEDIKAT CHOMETZ

A pre-Passover cleaning is the practice in every Jewish household, whereby all *chometz* is removed. In the final search, *Bedikat Chometz* the night before Pesach when all rooms, closets, cabinets, etc. (even pockets of clothes) where one may suspect the presence of *chometz*, are thoroughly examined. The *bedika* is also required in one's office or place of business. This should not be considered a mere ceremony or perfunctory.

The *bedika* is carried out by the light of a single candle or flashlight to enable one to see into all nooks and crannies, a feather (to sweep small crumbs into the bag), a spoon and a paper bag for containing the Chometz. Before the search we put out ten pieces of bread. Some people wrap the Chometz in paper. It is suggested that when you put out the ten pieces of Chometz that you remember where you have placed them. The ceremony is preceded by a blessing - found in the beginning of any standard Haggadah.

After the *bedika*, it is necessary to formally nullify and renounce ownership of any chometz not found in the search except what will be eaten that night up until the morning of Erev Pesach.

This formula, which begins with the words *Kol Chamira*, is found in the Haggadah.

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EREV PESACH

BIUR CHOMETZ

The *chometz* left over from supper and breakfast is disposed of and the *Kol Chamira* declaration is said, no later than the time listed on the YIS schedule for Pesach.

This important and necessary declaration is not a prayer – it is a legal statement and must be stated with understanding and conviction. It may be said in English:

"All chometz that may still be in my possession which I have or have not seen, which I have or have not removed, of whose existence I have or have not any knowledge, is hereby renounced and shall be disregarded as the dust of the earth."

Those people leaving home for Passover are also required by law to make the same thorough search in the manner described above, on the evening prior to their departure.

On Erev *Pesach* morning, they should make the *Kol Chamira* declaration wherever they may be.

THE FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

The Fast of the First Born Sons commemorates their deliverance from death during the tenth plague in Egypt. It is customary for first-born sons to participate in the meal served in celebration of a mitzva, such as a *Brit Mila* (circumcision) or a *siyum* (the completion of a tractate of the Talmud). Those who attend one of these events on the eve of the Passover are exempt from this fast. If a First Born is under Bar Mitzvah age it is customary for the father to Fast or attend the Siyum.

Our Siyum will be held immediately following the early Shacharit.

THE SEDER

Review the Haggadah before Pesach to acquaint yourself with the laws and customs of the Seder. The various foods for the Seder Plate are made ready before Yom Tov. The Seder Plate is prepared after we return from Shul, before Kiddush. The Seder should not begin until nightfall, which you can find in the Holiday schedule.

For the 4 Cups of Wine we try to use Red Wine.

For Marror(bitter herbs) and *Korech* we use both Romaine lettuce and horseradish. Each leaf of the Romaine must be carefully checked, to remove any tiny worms or insects.

For the Seder Meal, we do not eat grilled or dry-roasted meat or chicken.

The minimum size of the wine cup for the Seder is a *revi'is* at least 3.5 fl. oz. of liquid. On Pesach one drinks the entire cup, preferably without a pause. This applies to all four cups. If this is not possible one should drink more than half.

After services, we begin the Seder as quickly as possible, so that the children will be able to participate and not fall asleep during the Seder.

Second Seder and Second Day of Pesach

No preparations for the Second Seder are to be made before the stars appear on the second night of Pesach. Candle lighting must be from a pre-existing flame. *Shehechyanu* is again recited.

COUNTING THE OMER

According to Leviticus 23:15 we are obligated to count the days from Pesach to Shavuot. This period is known as the Counting of the Omer. An omer is a unit of measure. On the second day of Passover, in the days of the Temple an omer of barley was cut and brought to the Temple as an offering.

In commemoration of that offering, every night, from the second night of Passover to the night before Shavuot, we recite a blessing and state the count of the omer in both weeks and days. The Orthodox Union has a chart that provides the transliterated Hebrew and English text of the counting day-by-day.

The counting is intended to remind us of the link between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah. It reminds us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah.

The period of counting from the second day of Pesach to Shavuot is a time of partial mourning, during which weddings, parties, and dinners with dancing are not conducted, in memory of a plague which killed 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiba.

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****For more detailed info on Kashering, food and medication lists and guides for all Pesach needs, click on the links below-for the OU and CRC Pesach websites. We also recommend downloading their Passover apps.****

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7:00pm A LIFE OF SACRED PURPOSE:
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SHABBAT MORNING DERASHA LASHON HARA AND THE JOURNEY TO AUTHENTICITY:

11:00am FOLLOWING MUSSAF
Lessons from Yalena Troupanov's
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SHABBAT SHIUR

6:30pm TEARING THE GARMENT OF THE PAST:
Mourning Yerushalayim's Unfinished Redemption

SHALOSH SEUDOT TALK REIGNITING OUR PASSION FOR ISRAEL & JUDAISM:

7:40pm FOLLOWING MINCHA @ 7:20PM*
Reflecting on God's Expectations and Ours

*NOTE TIME CHANGE

About Rabbi Shay Schachter

Rabbi Shay Schachter currently serves as Rabbi and Rosh Beit Midrash at the Young Israel of Woodmere, overseeing its extensive adult educational programs. He is the Rabbi and spiritual leader of Yachad, the Orthodox Union's international program for individuals with disabilities. Since the summer of 2017 he has served as the Rabbi of Camp Simcha, Chai Lifeline's camp for children battling cancer and chronic illnesses. He formally served as the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Knesseth Israel "The White Shul" in Far Rockaway, from 2012 - 2015. Rav Shay received his rabbinic ordination from RIETS after studying together with his father, Rabbi Hershel Schachter, for 9 years. He also received an additional Rabbinic ordination from his teacher and mentor, Rabbi Asher Weiss of Jerusalem. Rav Shay holds an MA in Jewish Education and Administration from the Azrieli Graduate School of Yeshiva University. Rav Shay has been at the forefront of advocacy efforts and support for hostages and their families in DC, at the UN, and around the world.

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Nadav Eyal



UJA Shabbat w/ Nadav Eyal

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UJA Westchester and the Young Israel of Scarsdale UJA Campaign invite you to join us for the **annual UJA Shabbat with guest speaker Nadav Eyal**, a leading Israeli journalist and political analyst. Young Israel of Scarsdale has a long tradition of supporting UJA through an annual campaign, reflecting the congregation's deep commitment to tzedakah and kehillah.

Derasha following Mussaf

APPROX. **11:00am** **A Great Miracle Happened There:**

An inside look at some of the most miraculous missions Israel's ever seen.

Luncheon w/ Nadav

APPROX. **12:15pm** **The News Everyone's Talking About:**

*The players, the politics
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A Shavua Tov w/IDF Combat Veterans *May 18 - 25, 2025*



Peace of Mind

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Shavuot @ YIS *June 1 - 3, 2025*



Ora Weinbach
Kassy Akiva
Dr. David Sclar

We are proud to welcome back YIS community Scholar, **Ora Weinbach** to our community. Throughout this year, Ora has joined us for Shabbat providing us with Torah and inspiration & kicked off sisterhood learning initiative, SHE-iur. **Kassy (Dillon) Akiva** is a close friend of Ora's who has an amazing story of her conversion to Judaism. She is also a prominent pro-Israel voice on social media. **David Sclar** teaches history and is the Librarian at Yeshivat Frisch. He earned his doctorate in history at the CUNY Graduate Center and has held postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard, Princeton, and Oxford. He writes about Jewish religious life and Jewish book history. Recently, he curated the exhibition, "The Golden Path: Maimonides Across Eight Centuries" and is the author/editor of the book of the same name.

United Hatzalah Shabbat *June 6 - 8, 2025*

w/ Eli Beer

Join us for a special United Hatzalah concert with Zusha on Sunday, June 8th!



Eli Beer

Join us for a weekend w/ United Hatzalah's Eli Beer. Eli Beer is the Founder of United Hatzalah of Israel and President of Friends of United Hatzalah, Israel's largest all-volunteer emergency medical response organization. Eli began to work at his family's book and real estate businesses at the age of 13 and began to volunteer on ambulances at the age of 15, twice a week. At the age of 17, he realized that a more flexible system must be established to improve response time in case of emergencies. United Hatzalah has grown impressively since its establishment and now has over 4500 EMTs, paramedics and doctors volunteering within its framework. Eli has been awarded numerous prizes and acknowledgments across the globe for innovative and lifesaving work.

Shabbat Torat Yisrael *June 20 - 21, 2025*



Rabbi Ari Cutler

Rabbi Cutler teaches at Yeshivat HaKotel as a Ram. He takes pride in his close relationships that he develops with Talmidim. His vision to synthesize the development of his students' Torah identity with a commitment to the greater Jewish community drove him to begin the Yeshivat HaKotel Bergman Family Leadership Program. Rabbi Cutler's experience as a teacher for more than two decades at various institutions, such as Camp Moshava Ennismore, Machon Maayan and Yeshivat HaKotel, guides the educational philosophy of the program. Under his leadership, the program has grown into a fully developed program that provides classic lectures, interactive group learning and opportunities for independent, hands-on experience.

Delegation of Power of Attorney For Sale of Chometz 5785

I, _____, fully empower and appoint Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern and/or Rabbi Nuriel Klinger to act in my stead, and on my behalf, to sell all *chometz* possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law (e.g. *chometz*: doubt of *chometz*, and all kinds of *chometz* mixtures), and to lease all places wherein the *chometz* owned by me may be found, especially in the premises located at: *(All addresses applicable)*

(Indicate specific items, the place or area where chometz will be located, and the approximate value)

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Approximate Value:

Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern and/or Rabbi Nuriel Klinger have the full right to sell and to lease by transactions as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms as explained in the general Authorization Contract of the Rabbi to sell the *chometz*. This general authorization is made a part of this agreement. The above given power is in conformity with Torah Law and Rabbinical regulations and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the United States. To this agreement, I hereby affix my signature on this date:

English Date: (Month / Day) _____, 2025.

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