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**The VHQ will once again have a
community Kashering day –this Sunday,
March 14th starting at 11am. Young Israel
of Queens Valley 141-55 77th Ave**

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DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR SALE OF CHOMETZ

I, the undersigned _____
(Name)

Am the owner partner • other _____
(Title)

Of the following company: _____
(Name of Company)

Which has facilities in the following locations, where chometz may be stored:

	Store, Restaurant or Plant Name	Street	City	State
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

I am authorized to appoint Rabbi Chaim Schwartz, or his appointed substitute to act as our legal agent for the transfer and sale of all chometz and chometz products in the possession of the company in any of the above locations, as well as any other location not listed.

Included in this authorization is the right to rent any areas where any chometz may be found.

The sale shall take place at the Rabbi's discretion beginning on the 12th day of the month of Nissan.

Rabbi Schwartz is empowered to use any legal and halachic (Jewish law) procedures which he deems necessary to effect these transactions and for such duration as to conform to halachic requirements.

This authorization is in conformity with all Torah and Rabbinic laws and with the laws of the State of New York and of the United States of America.

By: _____
(Signature)

Date: _____

PESACH (PASSOVER) 5781/ 2021

First Night Pesach, Saturday Night, 15 Nissan (March 27th)

Candle Lighting..... after 8:05 PM

Second Night Pesach, Sunday Night 16 Nissan (March 28th)

Candle Lighting.....after 8:06 PM

Shevi'i Shel Pesach, Friday Night 21 Nissan (April 2)

Candle Lighting.....7:03 PM

Acharon Shel Pesach, Saturday Night 22 Nissan (April 3)

Candle Lighting.....after 8:12 PM

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SUSHI ON PESACH?



We would like to share with you the ins and outs of making "QuinoaSushi" available for Pesach consumption:

1. Quinoa

The major Kashrus organizations in the US have specially Passover certified quinoa available.

2. Rice cooker

Just like rice, the quinoa used as the outer layer needs to be cooked. Since rice cookers are extremely hard to Kasher, a new cooker is purchased for Pesach.

3. Nuri

Natural Earth produces a kosher for Pesach Star-K certified product.

4. Fish

We know that raw fish is inherently kosher for Pesach. What may come as a shock to some is that there are fish that are artificially dyed for color. Those may be problematic.

As well, some imitation crab does contain chometz. Otherwise, all raw kosher fish are acceptable. Which leads us to the next item:

5. Equipment

While the raw product is KP, it must be gutted, filleted and prepared with KP knives and boards. We require that new ones be purchased for Pesach.

6. Tempura

Tempura is a very popular delicacy. It is seafood fried in batter. As every good Jewish homemaker knows, potato starch is the way to go when frying on Pesach (or making virtually any other Pesach dish). A new deep fryer must be purchased as well.

7. Spicy mayo

What would we do without it? KP Mayo and spices easily do the trick.

8. Soy sauce

soybean is a classic Kitnios product and will be unavailable.

9. Chopsticks

for those of you (and you know who you are) that CANNOT eat sushi without chopsticks, have no fear. The popularly used chopsticks are wood. Although they are kosher for Pesach without Hashgacha, careful consideration must be taken to open a new box not previously opened before Pesach.

Enjoy your Pesach edition sushi!

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Shabbos Erev Pesach

A Complete Guide

Designed by Rabbi Moshe Taub

One should follow the custom's of their parents, or, should consult one's Rav for all final rulings



Thursday Morning 12th Nissan-March 25th

Taanis Bachurim / Fast of the First Born

This year this Fast is pushed back to this Thursday the 12th of Nissan so as to avoid fasting on either Shabbos or Erev Shabbos.

The Fast begins at 5:27a.m.

A first born who wishes to eat should attend a Siyum in the morning.

One may attend a Siyum via Zoom, although it is preferable if medically possible to attend in person.

Times (Queens)

Bedikas Chametz Not before 8:04pm **Thursday** Night –Same procedure as every year

Burning Chometz Before 11:46am on **Friday** – No Kol Chamira

Kol Chamira **Shabbos** morning before 11:46am

Latest Time 10:31am
for Chometz
on Shabbos



Thursday Evening - Bedikas Chometz

Bedikas Chometz

After 8:03pm on Thursday night one is required to perform Bedikah Chometz. The Bedikah should be done as close to this time as possible (but not before).

Although in all other years a Beracha is not recited on a Bedikah performed before the 14th, this year a Beracha is recited.

The Bedikah is performed in the same manner as all other years, including a Kol Chamirah.

All Chometz that will be needed for either burning/destroying the next day or for eating on Friday/Shabbos should be put in a safe and secure location.

It is strongly recommended that such Chometz be stored in something that is disposable.

If one forgot to perform a Bedikah at night, they should do it on Friday as soon as they remember.



BE2VCH

Be Happy!

**Never forget that there is a
BIBLICAL obligation to be
happy on Yom Tov!**



Don't Stress! Check out the
VHQ Pesach 2021 Product
Guide that will make shopping
so much easier!

Friday

13th Nissan/March 25th

Biur Chometz/Destroying Chometz

Even though this is not the 14th of Nissan, so as not to confuse with other years, we burn/destroy the Chometz at the same time as all years - before the end of the 5th hour on Friday (before 11:46a.m.; according to the Gra before 11:58a.m.).

One could discard their Chometz by burning it, pouring bleach over it and then throwing in the trash, flushing it down the toilet, etc.

One does ***not*** say Kol Chamira by the Friday Biur Chometz. Rather, it will be said on Shabbos (see below).

Other Halachos for this Day

1 - Basic Halacha allows Chometz to still be eaten throughout the day Friday, so long as one is extremely careful.

2 - However, many homes may choose –or have the custom - to be largely Kosher L’Pesach from this point on as a means of convenience and to avoid confusion to other years.

3 - Sections of the Siddur that are typically omitted *erev* Pesach are said on this Friday (e.g. Mizmor L’Sodah).

4 - One may Kasher utensils up to Shabbos



5 - Laundry and haircutting is allowed up until Shabbos this year

6 - One who realized after the 5th hour on Friday that they had forgotten to ‘sell’ their Chometz should call a Rav immediately

7 - According to the vast majority of Poskim, one may eat Seder-worthy Matzah on this Friday (save for those whose Minhag to refrain starts Rosh Chodesh)

8 - One whose Minhag is to bake fresh Challah for Shabbos may do so this year on Friday as well. The Hafrashas Challah must be completely burnt before Shabbos. However, many avoid baking Challah for such a week (see below)

Friday Night/Shabbos

13th-14th Nissan

March 25th-26th

Although technically Chometz may still be eaten until Shabbos morning, for a host of reasons, it is strongly encouraged that **one's meals on Shabbos be Kosher L'Pesach**, and cooked in Pesach or disposable pots.

Please note: It certainly prohibited to cook Chometz in a way that it will stick to the pot, even a disposable pan with Chometz should therefore be avoided.

How does one fulfill the Mitzvah of Lechem Mishneh?

Because one may not eat Matzah on Erev Pesach, yet at the same time, one needs some type of bread for Lechem Mishneh by each Shabbos meal, one of the following three options should be utilized:

- 1** –Use **Kosher L'Pesach** Egg Matzah
(recommended)
- 2** –Use Challah roles
- 3** –Use Soaked Matzah

*Each Of These Options Will Be Explained In Full
In The Next Pages:*



Don't Forget to Give
Your Chometz To
Your Rav To Sell!

OPTION #1

CHOMETZ ROLLS/PITA/BAGELS

Some have the specific custom of using Chometz (Challah rolls, pits, bagels, etc.) for the Shabbos meals to mark a clear distinction to the upcoming Pesach.

If one wishes to follow this option then care must be taken that:

A) They serve the rolls on paper towels/plastic table cover etc.; each person immediately upon washing eat at least 1 oz. of the bread over those towels; immediately discard before eating the rest of the meal(s).

B) The crumbs etc. should be flushed down the toilet. If there are far too many Chometz crumbs to flush, then one may wrap up tablecloth and place somewhere hidden and secure, having ot in mind during Kol Chamira. On Chol Hamoed they will dispose of properly (burning, etc.).

C) Bagels or Pita would be a wise option as they cause less crumbs.

D) Day meal(s) washings and eating of bread should be completed by 10:31a.m.

E) Care must be taken to rinse out ones mouth before 10:31a.m.

F) After that time, one may continue with the same -now non-Chometz - meal.

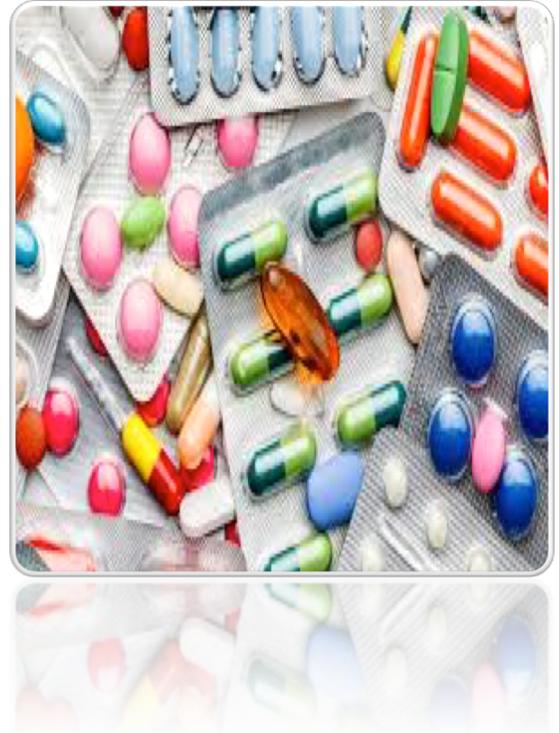
G) Plastic dishware be used throughout meal to prevent concerns of mistaken cross-contamination with the Chometz.

H) One may make the Hamotzi and eat the Chometz in a different room, and after the steps above, eat the rest of their kosher l'pesach meals in their dining room. If this is followed, it is best if the dining room where the rest of the meal will be eaten can be seen from this other room. It is, however, not recommended that one make the Hamotzi on a porch, balcony or the backyard and then return to eat the rest of the meal.

Pills On Pesach

All flavorless, swallowed-whole Medicine in PILL form is allowed on Pesach, regardless of its ingredients

K'SAV SOFER 111; IGROS MOSHE 2:92; CHAZON ISH 116:8; MINCHAS SHLOMO 1:17, INTER ALIA). VITAMINS (PILL FORM) TAKEN ON DOCTOR'S ADVICE ARE INCLUDED. PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR RABBI FOR A FINAL RULING ON PILL-FORM MEDICINE, AS SOME MAY DISAGREE WITH THIS



OPTION #2

EGG MATZAH (Recommended)

{Igras Moshe 1:155}

Using Egg Matzah eliminates the issues raised above. However one should still be mindful that:

- 1 - *Ashkanazim* should make sure that their Egg Matzah –although allowed for the sick and infirm on Pesach itself –not be mixed with Pesach utensils, or that its crumbs fall into items to be consumed on Pesach.
- 2 - According to Rav Moshe Feinstein and others, *Ashkanazim* must cease eating Egg Matzah before the same time one must refrain from Chometz (10:31am). Some (e.g. Noda B'Yehudah) allow Egg Matzah to be eaten until Chatzos 12:30pm this year.

(A note of Halachic/Legal consistency: that for those who are eating Egg Matzah on this Shabbos, it is precisely because they are thereby stating that this Matzah does not fall under the term 'Matzah' for the Seder, and is therefore allowed Erev Pesach)

OPTION #3 **SOAKED MATZAH**

Many *Sefardim poskim* (i.e. Rav Ovadia Yosef) encourage that regular Kosher l'Pesach Matzah be used for these Shabbos meals.

In order to get around the prohibition of Matzah on Erev Pesach, one keeps their Matzos soaking (but not to the point of breaking apart).

One who needs/wishes to follow this view should contact a *Sefardi Rav*.



There Are Many Opinions As To How To Arrange One's Seder *Karah*/Plate. Everyone Should Embrace The *Minhagim* Of Their Past



Don't Stress! See VHQ Product Guide Below!

Shabbos Morning/Day

Shabbos Day Meals

Davening will be earlier than a regular Shabbos so as to allow one to eat bread/egg Matzah before the cut off time of 10:31am (1pm for Egg Matzah according to some). Some divide their meal in two, with *benchting* and a real break {ten minutes minimum}, all before 10:31, so as to accomplish Seudah Shlishis as well.

Seudas Shlishis

Both meals will need their own Lecham Mishneh (1 oz. eaten per person) either with Egg Matzah or with roles/bagels/pita with the conditions written above.

The rest of the food at all meals should be Kosher L'Pesach.

The latest either Chometz or Egg Matzah may be eaten on this Erev Pesach is 10:31 am (10:55 according to the Gra). If one ate true Chometz before this time, then one **must** wipe their mouth/teeth with a napkin and rinse out with mouthwash (or water). One's eating may extend past this time if it is Kosher L'Pesach.

Because the 3rd meal is typically to be eaten after Mincha Gedolah (1:31pm this week), one should also eat fruits or other items after this time (don't spoil your appetite for the Seder!).

Some do not divide their pre-10:31am meal, and rather simply eat non-Hamotzi after 1:31pm for their 3rd meal.

Biur Chometz

Before 11:46 a.m. (11:58 according to the Gra) Kol Chamira should be said. If one has leftover crumbs, they flush them/pour-bleach-and-dispose-of-them at the time.

Some recommend that the word 'Hefker' in the Kol Chamira should be omitted on Shabbos, and one should rather think of its meaning ('ownerless') during the recital.

Preparations for the Seder

·As with all years, certain preparations for the Seder should be done before Yom Tov. However, this year, these should be done before Shabbos.

·These include roasting the shank bone and egg, making *charosess*, grinding *marror*, etc.

·If one forgot to do these before Shabbos then one may roast on Yom Tov night (enough just for the first Seder), and even grind items for *charosess* and the *marror*—so long as done in an unusual manner (e.g. grind directly to table)

·One may not do any preparing for the Seder until 8:04pm. One should say "*Baruch Hamavdil Bein Kodesh L'kodesh*" at this time and prepare as needed (husband's MUST help!).

·Don't forget Yakh'ez Kiddush/Havdala by Seder this year—and simply hold two candles together—without touching their flames—for the blessing on fire.

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Product Guide
ONLY to be used
Passover 2021

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OK WITHOUT
'KOSHER FOR
PASSOVER'
SYMBOL

REQUIRES
'KOSHER FOR
PASSOVER'
SYMBOL

NOT OK
on
PASSOVER

BEST TO
PURCHASE
BEFORE
PASSOVER

<u>ALCOHOL: ISOPROPYL - ALL (FOR EXTERNAL USE)</u>	✓			
<u>ALCOHOL: ETHYL/Ethanol - ALL</u>			✓	
<u>ALMOND FLOUR –Kirkland with a plain Kof-K is ok</u> BARNEY BASICS Almond Flour is also acceptable without Passover certification (OU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Orchards Almond Meal-Raw Pareve OU Symbol required. Kosher for Passover without special certification. Raw. No additives. • Cal-Pure Almond Meal Blanched-Raw Pareve OU Symbol required. Kosher for Passover without special certification. Raw. No additives. • Golden Orchards Almond Meal Blanched-Raw Pareve OU Symbol required. Kosher for Passover without special certification. Raw. No additives. • Paramount Farms Almond Meal-Raw Pareve OU Symbol required. Kosher for Passover without special certification. Raw. No additives. 		✓		

- **Paramount Farms Almond Meal Blanched-Raw Pareve OU Symbol required. Kosher for Passover without special certification. Raw. No additives.**
- **Cal-Pure Almond Meal-Raw Pareve OU Symbol required. Kosher for Passover without special certification. Raw. No additives.**

ALMOND MILK- see footnote #18 for list

Avocado Oil needs a KFP

But...

Virgin Avocado Oil, is acceptable when bearing the regular OU symbol.

ALUMINUM FOIL - ALL

✓

AMMONIA – ALL

✓

BABY CARROTSⁱ (Raw)

✓

BABY FOOD –

(from the OU):

1. Gerber Baby

Food: Carrots and Squash are not certified kosher for Passover by the OU. Nonetheless the OU has identified these products

as halachically acceptable for Passover when bearing the OU.

2. Gerber Baby

Food: Green Beans and Peas

✓

<u>are Kitniyot when bearing the OU.</u>				
3. <u>First Choice Baby Food NEEDS KFP</u>				
<u>BABY WIPES – ANY BRAND W/OUT ALCOHOL</u>	✓			
<u>BABY OILS</u>	✓			
<u>BAKING SODA - ALL</u>	✓			
<u>BLEACH - ALL</u>	✓			
<u>BLUSH / ROUGE: POWDERED - ALL</u>	✓			
<u>BODY SOAP – ALL VARIETIES</u>	✓			
<u>BODY WASH – ALL VARIETIES</u>	✓			
<u>CARROTS – ALL (SEE ENTRY ‘BABY CARROTS’)</u>	✓			
<u>COCOA – ANY 100% PURE COCOAⁱⁱ (Domestic Only)</u>	✓			
<u>COCONUT FLAKES</u>				
<u>COCONUT FLOUR</u> <u>Coconut Secrets (no ‘P’ needed)</u>		✓		
<u>COCONUT-MILK</u> <u>MUST HAVE A KFP, UNLESS FROM THE FOLLOWING BRAND:</u> <u>COCONUT DREAM</u>		✓		
<u>COCONUT- OIL-PURE</u> <u>With OU (even no ‘P’) is OK.</u>		✓		

**Trader Joes Organic Virgin Coconut Oil and
Trader Joes Organic Extra Virgin Coconut
Oil - BCK or Kosher Check usable for
Passover without a "P"**

**Kirkland Organic virgin coconut oil- cold
pressed; unrefined (London Beth Din) - no P
required**

**Viola (Star-K/No P Required) Organic Virgin
Coconut Oil**

**COCONUT-Shredded –
PLAIN, no additives is ok
with no KFP**
**However, Coconut Secret
with a Star K (even with no
'P') is ok for Pesach the
following names: Aminos,
Crystal, Flour, Nector,
Vinegar**
COCONUT FLOUR

- **Coconut Secrets (Star-
K) usable for Passover
without KFP**

**COFFEE: REG GROUND
UNFLAVORED - ANYⁱⁱⁱ (non-
instant) See 'KEIRUG'
Below; see NESPRESSO
below**

	✓		
✓			

COFFEE: INSTANT (PLAIN)

– The following is OK even without a KFP:

- Folgers, Regular and Decaffeinated;
- Necafe Taster's Choice Regular only (OU)
- Via (REGULAR Only) (OU)
- Maxwell House, Sanka

✓

CHAPSTICK –

Chapstick Classic Original (Pfizer)

Chapstick Classics Strawberry Stick (Pfizer)

Chapstick Medicated Stick (Pfizer)

Chapstick Moisturizer Stick (Pfizer)

Chapstick Overnight Stick (Pfizer)

Chapstick Ultra Moisture Gel (Pfizer)

Chapstick Ultra Spf 30 Stick (Pfizer)

✓

CHEWABLE CHILDREN'S MEDICINE^{iv}

COCONUT MILK –Needs a KFP

COFFEE (see above):

INSTANT DECAF –

ONLY Folger's may be purchased w/o a KFP

Sanka decaf is ok WITH a P

✓

CONTACT LENS SOLUTION

✓

CONTACT PAPER

✓

CREAMS / OINTMENTS

✓

<u>DENTAL FLOSS:</u> <u>UNFLAVORED – WAXED</u> <u>OR NON-WAXED</u>	✓			
<u>DEODERANTS /</u> <u>ANTIPERSPIRANTS: IF</u> <u>POWDER, GEL, SOLID STICK</u> <u>POWDER - ALL</u>	✓			
<u>Liquid DEODERANT /</u> <u>ANTIPERSPIRANTS⁶:</u> <u>LIQUID^v see footnote</u>			✓	
<u>DETERGENTS - ALL</u>	✓			
<u>DISHWASHING SOAP – All</u> <u>(Palmolive and Ajax are</u> <u>recommended and easily</u> <u>available)</u>	✓			
<u>EGGS - ALL^{vi}</u>				✓
<u>EYE SHADOW</u>	✓			
<u>EYE-LINER</u>	✓			
<u>FISH: FROZEN RAW (wash</u> <u>before using). Should have</u> <u>a year-round certification^{vii}</u> <u>if it has no visible scales.</u> <u>As for Pesach, make sure it</u> <u>has no Glaze</u>	✓			
<u>FRUIT: FROZEN^{viii} (so long</u> <u>as no additives) Note: that</u> <u>Citric Acid and Ascorbic</u> <u>Acid are indeed problematic</u> <u>ingredients without a KFP.</u> <u>ALL CANNED AND DRIED</u> <u>FRUIT NEED A KFP</u>	✓			

<u>FURNITURE POLISH – ALL</u>	✓			
<u>GLOVES: RUBBER (LATEX) – W/OUT INNER POWDER COATING</u>	✓			
<u>HAND SANITIZER (ALCOHOL FREE or Isopropyl)</u>	✓			
<u>HYDROGEN PEROXIDE – ALL</u>	✓			
<u>ICE – BAGGED</u>	✓			
<u>INFANT FORMULA –^{ix} SEE FOOTNOTE FOR FORMULA BRANDS THAT MAY BE PURCHASED WITHOUT KFP</u>		✓		

JUICES: LEMON OR LIME – ONLY REALIME, REALEMON (LIQUID) MAY BE PURACHSED WITHOUT KFP, other brands needs a KFP

KEURIG COFFEE CUPS^{xi} and Nesspresso (see footnote)

LACTAID MILK

LAUNDRY DETERGENT - ALL

LIPSTICK (chametz ingredients)^{xii}

LOTION – HAND

MAKE UP: DRY/POWDERED – ALL

		✓		
		✓		
				✓
	✓			
		✓		
	✓			
	✓			

<u>VARIETIES</u>				
<u>MASCARA</u>	✓			
<u>MEAT: FROZEN – Whole Pieces –ALL {Best To Rinse Well} (SEE NEXT ENTRY)</u>	✓			
<u>MEAT:– GROUND and/or SEASONED</u>		✓		
<u>Edible MEDICINE – DRINK SUPPLEMENTS, CHEWABLES & ANTACIDS – SEE LIST FOLLOWING THIS GUIDE</u>		✓		
<u>MINERAL OIL – ALL (no additives)</u>	✓			
<u>MILK^{xiii}</u>				✓
<u>MOUTHWASH</u> All ‘SCOPE’ and ‘COLGATE’ brands mouthwashes are ok WITHOUT A KFP; AS ARE, ‘Listerine-Cool Mint’, ‘Total-Care Zero Ultra Clean Antiseptic, Zero Alcohol’. <u>’. In cases of need, ALL mouthwashes are fine so long as one rinses out their mouth with water after.</u>		✓		
<u>NAIL POLISH</u>	✓			
<u>NUTS: RAW – WHOLE, CHOPPED OR GROUND^{xiv}. SEFARDIM may purchase even if BHT and BHA are added (Kitniyos). (However, see</u>	✓			
<u>PECANS below)</u>				
<u>OIL</u>		✓		
<u>OLIVE OIL-LIGHT OR REFINED</u>		✓		

<u>PURE 100% VIRGIN OLIVE OIL</u>	✓			
<u>OINTMENTS / CREAMS</u>	✓			
<u>PAPER TOWEL ROLLS - ANY^{xv}</u>	✓			
<u>PLAY-DOH</u>			✓	
<u>PECAN PIECES (and MIDGET PECANS)</u>		✓		
<u>PET FOOD^{xvi}</u>		✓		
<u>PLASTIC DISPOSABLES</u>	✓			
<u>PLASTIC WRAP</u>	✓			
<u>POWDER – FACE AND FOOT (INK & PAINT)</u>	✓			
<u>QUINOA^{xvii}</u>		✓		
<u>RICE MILK^{xviii} see footnote</u>		✓		
<u>RUBBER GLOVES (W/O POWDER COATING)</u>	✓			
<u>SALT: NON-IODIZED, W/O DEXTROSE OR POLYSORBATES</u>	✓			
<u>SELTZER – ALL PLAIN</u>	✓			

<u>VARIETIES^{xix}</u>				
<u>SILVER POLISH</u>	✓			
<u>SHAMPOO – ALL VARIETIES</u>	✓			
<u>SOAP - ALL^{xx}</u>	✓			
<u>SOY MILK see footnote #18 for list</u>		✓		
<u>STEVIA</u>		✓		
<u>SUGAR – GRANULATED, BROWN -ALL</u>	✓			
<u>TAPIOCA STARCH</u>		✓		
<u>INSTANT TEA - ONLY NESTEA BRAND – UNFLAVORED/UNDECAF INSTANT MAY be purchased without KFP</u>		✓		
<u>DECAF TEA BAGS ONLY LIPTON brand DECAF BAGS (UNFLVD) MAY BE PURCHASED WITHOUT A KFP</u>		✓		
<u>TEA BAGS (UNFLAVORED)–NON DECAF only, (pure white, green or black)</u>	✓			
<u>TOOTHPASTE^{xxi} THE FOLLOWING ARE FINE WITHOUT A KFP:</u> Aim [All]Close Up [All]Colgate [All] [All use Vegetable Glycerin] Pepsodent [All]Ultrabrite [All] All use Vegetable Glycerin]	✓			
<u>VASELINE</u>	✓			
<u>WAX PAPER</u>	✓			



¹ Baby carrots are best with a 'kosher for Passover' symbol but may be purchased without one (the chemical that prevents oxidation sometimes is made from Kitniyos).

¹ North-American made.

¹ See entry 'Keurig.'

¹ See CHILDREN'S MEDICINE LIST and ANTACID LIST following Product guide

¹ This applies to deodorants / antiperspirants that have restorable denatured alcohol. This stringency only applies to items in a pure liquid form. The following are acceptable even in aerosol cans (liquid): **Arrid; Secret**

¹ We left the chart as is to avoid confusion from prior years, but the concern here should not prevent one from purchasing on Pesach if one needs to.

¹ To assure the buyer that this is truly a kosher fish. Studies have shown that fish sold –especially in restaurants –is very likely not to be the fish they are claiming it is

¹ All whole or sliced frozen fruit is acceptable without a specific 'Kosher for Passover' symbol assuming it is unsweetened, additive free without syrup citric acid or ascorbic acid.

¹ Must use separate utensils due to *kitniyos*.

Here is the OU list of acceptable brands without a KFP when bearing an OU:

Nutritional Supplements Pediatric Supplements , Pediatric Electrolytes , Infant Formula –

- 365 Everyday Value
- Ameribella
- America's Choice for Baby
- Babies R US
- Baby Basics
- Baby's Choice
- Baby's Only Organic
- Bear Essentials
- Belacta
- Belacta Premium
- BelactaSure
- Berkley & Jensen
- Bright Beginnings
- Cottontails
- CVS
- Daily Source
- Discount Drug Mart
- Earth's Best
- EleCare
- EnfaCare
- EnfaGrow
- Enfagrow® NeuroPro™
- Enfagrow® PREMIUM™
- Enfagrow® Toddler Transitions® Gentlease®

- Enfalac
- Enfamil
- Enfamil A.R.™
- Enfamil® Enspire™
- Enfamil® NeuroPro™ EnfaCare®
- Enfamil® Premature High Protein 24 Cal per fl oz
- Enfamil® ProSobee®
- Enfamil® Reguline®
- Enfaport™
- Enfapro
- Food Lion
- Full Circle
- Fulton Street Market
- Gerber Good Start
- Giant
- Giant Eagle Baby
- Hannaford
- H-E-B
- Heinz Nurture
- Home 360 Baby
- Hy-Vee
- Isomil
- Kirkland Signature
- Kuddles
- Laura Lynn
- Life Brand
- Little Ones
- Meijer Baby
- Member's Mark
- Mom to Mom
- Moo Moo Buckaroo
- Mother's Choice
- My Organic Baby
- Nature's Place
- Nestle Good Start
- Next Step
- NutraEnfant
- Nutren Jr. Vanilla
- O Organic Baby
- Parent's Choice
- Premier Value
- President's Choice
- Price Chopper
- Publix
- Puramino
- Rite Aid – Tugaboos
- Shopko
- Similac
- Similac Advance Plus
- Similac Comfort
- Similac Gold w/HMO

- Similac LeMehadrin
- Similac Neosure
- Similac Spit Up/AR
- Similac RTF
- Similac Special Care RTF
- Simply Right
- Stop & Shop
- Sunrise
- Supervalu
- Target
- Tippy Toes by TopCare
- Top Care
- Topco
- Up & Up
- Vermont Organics
- Walgreens
- Wegmans
- Well Beginnings

Western Family

¹ Cannot contain sweeteners, additives, preservatives or enrichments.

¹ Here is a list of acceptable K-Cups even with NO KFP, *so long as non-Decaf and non-flavored:*

The VHQ does not recommend *koshering* a Keurig coffee maker for Pesach, although it may be *koshered* the rest of the year). If you would like more information relating to *koshering* Keurig coffee makers for Pesach, please contact the VHQ.

ALL K-CUPS THAT ARE REG (NOT DECAF) AND ARE UNFLAVORED BEARING AN OU ARE FINE FOR PASSOVER

HERE IS A LIST OF **NESPRESSO** FLAVORS AVLB FOR USE ON PESACH:

Nespresso Classic (NC) Range: Ristretto: Ristretto, Roma, Kazaar, Dharkan, Arpeggio Decaffeinato, Ristretto decaffeinato, Reviving Origins Cafécito de Cuba, Limited Edition Long black over ice, Tribute to Milano Limited Edition, Tribute to Trieste Limited Edition, Ispirazione Ristretto Italiano Decaffeinato, Ispirazione Roma, Ispirazione Ristretto Italiano, Ispirazione Palermo Kazaar, Ispirazione Firenze Arpeggio, Ispirazione Firenze Arpeggio Décaffeinato, Ispirazione Napoli, Il Caffè, Limited edition. Espresso range: Così, Volluto, Capriccio, Livanto, Volluto decaffeinato, Cafezinho do Brasil Limited Edition, Limited Edition, Special club, Café Istanbul Limited Edition, Paris Black, Exclusive Edition Republica Dominicana, Master Origins 2019 Costa Rica, Reviving Origins Tamuka mu Zimbabwe, Reviving Origins Esperanza de Colombia, Reviving Origins Cafécito de Puerto Rico, Master Origins India, Master Origins Nicaragua, Master Origins Ethiopia, Master Origins Colombia, Master Origins Indonesia, Hawaii Kona Special Reserve 2020, Limited Edition Caffè Venezia, Barista Creations Chiaro, Barista Creations Scuro, Barista Creations Corto, Reviving Origins Amaha awe Uganda, Exclusive Edition Yemen, Ispirazione Genova Livanto, Ispirazione Venezia, Buondi Original, Buondi Intenso, Buondi Encorpado, Barista Creations Freddo Delicato, Barista Creations Freddo Intenso, LE Peru organic, Master Origins Aged Sumatra, Umutima wa Lake Kivu Rwanda Limited Edition, Jamaica Blue Mountain Special Reserve, Master Origins Costa Rica, Flat White Over Ice, Master Origins Peru Organic, Galapagos Special reserve or Exclusive Edition, Master Origins La Cumplida Refinada, Master Origins Indonesia Organic, Barista creations coconut, Reviving Origins Kahawa ya Congo, Cafezinho do Brazil Limited Edition. Lungo range: Vivalto lungo, Fortissio lungo, Linizio lungo, Bukeela Ka Ethiopia,

Vivalto Lungo decaffeinato, Envivo lungo, Limited Edition, Nordic Black, Il Caffè, World Explorations Buenos Aires Lungo, World explorations Vienna Linizio Lungo, World explorations Tokyo Vivalto Lungo, World explorations Shanghai Lungo, World explorations Cape Town Envivo Lungo, World explorations Stockholm Fortissio Lungo. Professional Range: Ristretto origin india, Espresso Forte, Espresso Legerro, Espresso Decaffeinato, Espresso Origin Brazil, Lungo Decaffeinato, Lungo origin Guatemala, Lungo Leggero, Lungo forte, Ristretto, Ristretto intense, Exclusive Selection Kilimanjaro Peaberry, Exclusive Selection Nepal Lamjung, Limited Edition, Special reserve, Chef Georges Blanc, Chef Philippe Conticini, Chef Arnaud Donckele, Chef Franck Giovannini, Chef Christophe Bacquie, Chef Emmanuel Renaut, Exclusive Selection Kenya Milima, Origin Guatemala, Origin India, Origin Brazil, Peru Organic, Barista Creations Bianco Delicato, Barista Creations Bianco Intenso, Ice intense. VERTUO: Atom range Diavolitto, Altissio, Voltesso, Decaffeinato Intenso, Reviving Origins Tamuka Mu Zimbabwe, Limited Edition, Master Origins Aged Sumatra, Master Origins Peru organic, Il Caffè, Master Origins La Cumplida Refinada. Double Espresso: Reviving Origins Cafécito de Puerto Rico Medium range Fortado, Arondio, Aflorazio, Decaffeinato Ontuoso, Double Espresso Scuro, Double Espresso Chiaro, Barista Creations Bianco Leggero, Reviving Origins Cafecito de Puerto Rico, Reviving Origins Amaha Awe Uganda, Barista Creations Ice leggero, Hawaii Kona Special Reserve 2020, Master Origins Costa Rica, Master Origins Ethiopia, Nordic Black, Limited Edition. Galaxy range, Mug Range, Alto Range: Alto Dolce, Alto Intenso, Melozio, Elvazio, Giornio, Solelio, Intenso, Half Caffeinato, Stormio, Odacio, Decaffeinato, Master Origins Colombia, Master Origins Mexico, Reviving Origins Café de Cuba, Barista Creations Bianco Forte, Reviving Origins Kahawa Ya Congo, Reviving Origins Esperanza de Colombia, Barista Creations Ice Forte, Limited Edition, Craft Brew Cold Brew, Barista creation coconut. Athos range Craft Brew Carafe Pour-Over Style. Starbucks Classic: Caffè Verona, House Blend, Single Origin Coffee Sumatra, Decaf Espresso Roast, Blonde Espresso Roast, Pike Place Roast Lungo, Single Origin Coffee Colombia, Espresso Roast, Holiday blend, Italian roast Vertuo: Espresso Roast, Blonde Espresso Roast, Pike Place Roast, Single Origin Colombia, Single Origin Sumatra, Caffès Verona, Veranda Blend. Nescafé: India, Africas, 3 Americas, Brazil, Colombia Décaffeinato.

¹ If the lipstick contains *chametz* it should not be used and a fresh stick should be started on Pesach.

¹ Due to changes in how chickens and cows are fed one could indeed purchase milk and eggs on Pesach without any concern. We left the chart as is to avoid confusion.

¹ So long as it/they does not contain added preservatives, or other additives such as **BHT or BHA**. Shelled Pecans do require a KFP.

¹ The first three sheets and the last sheet attached to the cardboard should not come in direct contact with food as a cornstarch based glue may have be used.

¹ It is biblically prohibited to serve pet food to one's pet on Pesach should it contain Chometz; Kitniyos is fine. For a complete list, see below.

¹ It is best to find a brand that has a reliable 'kosher for passover' symbol. If one cannot find such a brand he may purchase a brand that does not have a 'kosher for passover' symbol provided that he carefully checks the grains before Pesach for any extraneous matter. Some rabbis do not permit quinoa on Pesach.

¹ Soy and Rice are *kitniyos* and their 'milk' may contain *chometz*. Under normal circumstances one mustn't consume them on Pesach. Those found in the list below are *chometz* free and may be consumed by someone who is allowed to eat *kitniyos* (e.g. one who is ill). Of course, one can choose to purchase **Almond milk** from the list provided by that entry, or one can make it at home for Pesach. *Should someone have a choice between Soy Milk and Rice Milk then Soy Milk is the better choice as Soy wasn't introduced to Europe until about 100 years, ago long after the kitniyos decree. It is recommended that those who require these products ideally purchase them before Pesach.*

SOY MILK LIST FOR THOSE YOUNG OR ILL:

Soy Dream ORIGINAL ENRICHED

RICE MILK FOR THOSE YOUNG AND ILL

Rice Dream CLASSIC ORIGINAL;

Almond Milk

Almond Breeze ORIGINAL

¹ This refers to brands that have a 'kosher' symbol on them, even though they do not have a 'Kosher for Passover' symbol.

¹ It is commendable to purchase Passover brands (e.g. ADWE).

¹ If no "kosher for Passover" toothpaste is available, one may rely on the many lenient views, but should only purchase Colgate or Aim (all varieties).

IMPORTANT NOTES

1 - ALL JOYVA PRODUCTS (UNDER R' SHEINKOFF JUST FOR PESACH) ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED AND OFTEN CONTAIN REAL KITNIYOS ¹

2 - **All** types of ointments, creams, nail polish, body wash, shampoo, hand lotions (as opposed to hand sanitizers), eye shadow, eyeliner, mascara, blush, foot and face powders, and ink and paint **may be used regardless** of its ingredients.

3- Colognes, perfumes, hairspray, shaving lotions and deodorants that have restorable denatured alcohol should not be used. THIS STRINGENCY ONLY APPLIES TO ITEMS IN A PURE LIQUID FORM. In cases of need, or to find out about specific brands, one should speak to their Rabbi.

4 - **Lipstick** that contains chometz should not be used and a fresh stick should be started on Pesach.

5 - Perfumes and Colognes should be checked for their alcohol. If they contain Ethyl or Ethanol they should be avoided. If they contain Isopropyl they may be used.

Recommended MEDICAL DRINKS, CHILDREN'S & ADULT CHEWABLES and LIQUIDS

**ALL PILL FORMS MEDS ARE
FINE FOR PASSOVER (see p. 49)**

-For The United States ONLY-

- 4Kids -

4Kids Cold & Cough-Grape Flavor [Not synthetic] (Hyland's)

4KIDS Earache Drops (Hyland's)

4K 4Kids Allergy Relief (Hyland's) 4Kids Calm 'N Restful (Hyland's)

4Kids Cold & Cough, Nighttime Grape [Not synthetic] (Hyland's)

4Kids Cold & CoughDay & Night - Grape [Not synthetic] (Hyland's)

4Kids Cold & Cough-Grape Flavor [Not synthetic] (Hyland's)

4Kids Cold 'N Mucus, Nighttime, Day & Night (Hyland's)

4Kids Complete Allergy (Hyland's)

4Kids Complete Cold 'N Flu Liquid (Hyland's)

4Kids Cough Syrup W/Honey (Hyland's)

4Kids Oral Pain Relief (Hyland's)

4Kids Pain Relief (liquid) (Hyland's)

4Kids Tummy Ache (Hyland's)

4Kids Sniffles 'N Sneezes (Hyland's)

-Advil-

Advil Infants' Drops [No Animal, Syn.Grape] (Pfizer) *

Advil Junior Strength Chewables [NotKosher] (Pfizer)

Advil Children Suspension [All Flavors] * No Animal

-Alka Seltzer -

Alka Seltzer Original Effervescent Tablets (Bayer Consmr)

Alka Seltzer Lemon Lime Effervescent Tablets (Bayer Consmr)

Alka-Seltzer Extra Strength Effervescent Tablets (Bayer Consmr) [Not Gold]

Alka-Seltzer Gold Effervescent Tablets (Bayer Consmr)

Alka-Seltzer Heartburn Relief Effervescent Tablets (Bayer Consmr)

Baby ORAJEL-

Baby Orajel Naturals Teething Gel, Nighttime (Church & Dwight)

Baby Orajel Naturals Teething Tablets (Church & Dwight)

Baby Orajel Teething Gel [All], Tablets (Church & Dwight)

Baby Orajel Homeopathic Teething Gel (Church & Dwight)

Baby Orajel Naturals Teething Gel, Nighttime (Church & Dwight)

Baby Orajel Naturals Teething Tablets (Church & Dwight)

Baby Orajel Nighttime Homeopathic Teething Gel (Church & Dwight)

Baby Orajel Teething Gel [All], Tablets (Church & Dwight)

Orajel Alcohol Free Antiseptic Mouth Sore Rinse (Church & Dwight)

Orajel Anti-Bacterial Bleeding Gum Rinse (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Antiseptic Mouth Sore Rinse (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Cold Sore Cream (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Daytime Teething Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Daytime Teething Gel [Petrolatum] (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Denture Pain Relief Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Dry Mouth Moisturizing Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Film-Forming Canker Sore Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Maximum Strength Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Maximum Strength Toothache Liquid (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Medicated Teething Gel, Nighttime (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Medicated Teething Swabs (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Moisturizer (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Mouth Sore Medicine Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Mouth Sore Rinse [All] (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Mouth Sore Swab (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Regular Strength Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Severe Pain Formula Cream (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Severe Pain PM (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Severe Toothache Cooling Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Severe Toothache Liquid (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Single Dose Cold Sore Treatment (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Teething Gel (Church & Dwight)
Orajel Toothache Pain Relief, Max strength, Severe (Church & Dwight)

-Bayer-

Bayer Children's Aspirin (Bayer Consmr)

- Benadryl -

Benadryl Children's Allergy Chewable Grape [No animal] (McNeil)

Benadryl Children's Allergy Liquid [All flavors, No animal] (McNeil)

Benadryl Children's Allergy Plus Congestion [No animal] (McNeil)

Benadryl Children's Dye-Free Liquid [No animal] (McNeil)

-Dramamine -

Chewable Tablets (Orange)

-Metamucil -

Plain, Course is OK; Orange Flv contains *kitniyos*. Those with serious conditions should speak to their *rav* who may allow them such *kitniyos*.

- Motrin-

Motrin, Children's Liquid [**All flavors**, No animal] (McNeil)

Motrin, Infant's Liquid [**All flavors**, No animal] (McNeil)

-Pepto Bismol -

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Pepto-Bismol Original Liquid [No Animal] (P&G)

- Sudafed –

Sudafed PE Children's Nasal Decongestant Berry [No animal] (McNeil)

Sudafed PE Children's [No animal] (McNeil)

Sudafed PE Children's Cold + Cough [No animal] (McNeil)

Sudafed PE, Children's Nasal Decongestant Berry [No animal] (McNeil)

-Tylenol-

Tylenol Children's Cold + Cough + Runny Nose [No animal] (McNeil)

Tylenol Children's Cold + Cough + Sore Throat [No animal] (McNeil)

Tylenol Children's Cold + Flu [All flavors, No animal] (McNeil)

Tylenol Children's Suspension [All flavors, No animal] (McNeil)

Tylenol Infant's Oral Suspension [All flavors, No animal] (McNeil)

Tylenol, Children's Cold + Flu Oral Suspension [All flavors, No animal] (McNeil)

Tylenol Infant's Oral Suspension [All flavors, No animal] (McNeil)

Tylenol, Children's Cold + Flu Oral Suspension [All flavors, No animal] (McNeil)

PILL-FORM MEDICATION

ALL MEDICATION IN PILL FORM THAT ARE SWALLOWED – AND NOT CHEWED – ARE PERMITTED FOR USE ON PESACH REGARDLESS OF ITS INGREDIENTS (K'SAV SOFER 111; IGROS MOSHE 2:92; CHAZON ISH 116:8; MINCHAS SHLOMO 1:17, INTER ALIA). VITAMINS (PILL FORM) TAKEN ON DOCTOR'S ADVICE ARE INCLUDED. PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR RABBI FOR A FINAL RULING ON PILL-FORM MEDICINE, AS SOME MAY DISAGREE WITH THIS RULING OF R' MOSHE FEINSTEIN, ET AL.

Pet Food

-FROM STAR-K GUIDE-

CATS

Blue Freedom Grain Free Indoor (canned)—Chicken for Kittens, Chicken for Cats, Fish, Flaked Chicken in Tasty Gravy, Chicken for Mature Cats

Evanger's: When bearing cRc Passover approval

Friskies (canned): Paté Chicken and Tuna Dinner, Paté Classic Seafood Entrée, Paté Turkey and Giblets, Paté Country Style Dinner, Paté Mariners Catch, Paté Salmon Dinner, Paté Poultry Platter, Paté Mixed Grill, Paté Liver and Chicken Dinner

Kirkland (Costco) (dry): Healthy Weight Indoor Adult, Maintenance Chicken & Rice, Natures Domain Salmon Meal & Sweet Potato

Merrick Grain Free Limited Ingredient Diet (canned): Real Chicken, Real Duck, Real Salmon, Real Turkey, Real Tuna

Merrick Purrfect Bistro Grain-Free (dry): Adult (Weight Control, Real Chicken and Sweet Potato), Healthy Senior, Healthy Kitten

Merrick Purrfect Bistro Grain-Free (canned): Chicken Casserole

Morsels, Chicken Divan Morsels, Salmon Paté, Tuna Paté

Prescription Diet: a/d, d/d except duck, r/d, s/d, t/d, z/d **Wellness Core Grain-Free** (dry): Adult , Indoor, Kitten, Original

Wellness Core Grain-Free Classic Paté (canned): Indoor, Kitten, Whitefish & Salmon & Herring

GECKO

Gecko: Repashy Crested Gecko Meal Replacement Powder

FISH

Fish food and vacation blocks often contain *chometz*. The following are acceptable: Zoo Med Laboratories Giant Plankton Banquet Block Feeder and Tetra Tropical Slow Release Feeders (Tetra Weekend 5 days, and Tetra Vacation 14 days). Goldfish and tropical fish can be given the following items, provided they do not contain fillers: Tubular worms, frozen brine shrimp, and freeze dried worms.

BIRDS

(Parrots, Parakeets, Cockatiels, Macaws)

STAR-K would like to express appreciation to Dr. Aaron Weissberg, z"l for his contribution of the following guidelines.

- ③ •Millet and sorghum as main diet.
- ③ •Peanuts, sunflower seeds, and safflower seeds can be given.
- ③ •Larger birds such as parrots can eat pure alfalfa pellets (make sure it is pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains) or dry dog food (see above for list).
- ③ •Smaller birds can also have pure alfalfa pellets; crush

before feeding.

③ •Can supplement with cottage cheese, rice cakes (birds like to eat these), small pieces of lean meat, matzah, berries, eggs, canned baby fruits. All large food should be shredded before serving. These items should be given sparingly.

③ •For minerals, can have oyster shells (calcium) or mineral block.

③ •The greater the variety, the better.

HAMSTERS, GUINEA PIGS, GERBILS & RABBITS

③ •Best to feed pure alfalfa pellets. Make sure it is pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains. Dried alfalfa may also be given.

③ •Can supplement with mixture of cut-up fruits and vegetables – carrots, broccoli, apples, melon, kale, parsley, oranges, celery, dry corn, sunflower seeds, cabbage. Can also give some matzah. If not accustomed to these items, give sparingly.

③ •Guinea pigs especially will benefit from kale, parsley and oranges.

③ •Hamsters especially will benefit from apples.

③ •Guinea pigs need Vitamin C added to diet.

DOGS

Alpo Chop House (canned): Filet Mignon and Bacon Flavors cooked in Savory Juices, Prime Rib Flavor cooked in Savory Juices, Roasted Chicken and Top Sirloin Flavors cooked in Savory Juices, T-Bone and Ribeye Steak Flavors cooked in Savory Juices

Blue Freedom Grain Free (canned): Chicken Recipe (Small Breed, Puppies), Grillers (Hearty Lamb, Hearty Chicken, Hearty Turkey)

Blue Wilderness Grain Free (canned): Duck & Chicken Grill, Salmon & Chicken Grill, Beef & Chicken Grill, Chicken & Trout Grill

Evangers: When bearing cRc Passover approval **Kirkland (Costco) Natures' Domain (dry):** Salmon Meal and Sweet Potato,

Turkey Meal and Sweet Potato, Organic Chicken & Pea **Prescription Diet:** a/d, d/d, h/d, s/d, u/d, r/d

Wellness Core Grain Free (dry): Ocean, Original, Reduced Fat, Small Breed Original, Senior

Wellness Core Grain Free (canned): Beef & Venison & Lamb, Puppy, Turkey & Chicken Liver & Turkey Liver, Whitefish & Salmon & Herring

Wellness Core Grain Free Ninety Five Percent (canned): Beef with Carrots, Chicken with Broccoli, Turkey with Spinach

ADDITIONAL PET FOOD INFORMATION

- Mixes sold in stores often contain *chometz*. It is advisable for pet owners to slowly wean their pets off their regular *chometz* pet food diet. This is accomplished by mixing regular and Pesach food between one and two weeks prior to Pesach before switching completely to Pesach food. The ratio of regular and Pesach food should be changed slowly to get the animal used to the new diet. Check with your veterinarian before changing diet.
- Pure Timothy Hay is not *chometz* and may be used.

Understanding All Those Erev Pesach Times

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According to Torah law, the mitzvah to destroy chametz begins on the 14th of Nisan after the conclusion of the sixth hour of the day. The Biblical prohibition to eat or to benefit from chametz also begins at this time.¹

Rabbinic law, however, prohibits eating chametz after the conclusion of the fourth hour of the day and prohibits benefiting from chametz after the conclusion of the fifth hour of the day.²

The sale of chametz must therefore occur before the end of the fifth hour while it is still permitted to derive benefit from the chametz. Additionally, the bitul chametz recited during the day after the sale must also be recited before that time because one cannot recite the bitul once deriving benefit from the chametz is prohibited.³

Finally, the burning of chametz, too, must be completed during the fifth hour because one must burn their last chametz while it is still theirs.⁴ Once bitul is recited, however, the chametz is considered ownerless.

These hours are not 60 minute hours; rather, they are proportional to the length of the day. In other words, each hour is 1/12 of the day. We calculate the number of minutes in the day, divide that number by 12, and the result is the length of each halachic hour.⁵

There are two opinions how to calculate the length of the day. One opinion calculates the number of minutes between dawn and nightfall whereas the other counts the number of minutes between sunrise and

¹ Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim 443:1

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.* 434:2

⁴ Mishna Berura 434:12

⁵ Mishna Berura 443:7

sunset (גר"א). The Mishna Berura (443:8) recommends following the first (and more stringent) approach in this regard.

Although the times for sunrise and sunset are clearly defined, the calculation for the times of dawn and nightfall are subject to dispute. Dawn (עלות השחר) is assumed in halacha to be 4 מיל before sunrise, i.e., the amount of time it takes one to walk a distance of 4 מיל.

There are various opinions how long it takes to walk 4 mil. The most common approach assumes 4 mil is 72 minutes⁶ and accordingly, dawn is 72 minutes before sunrise. However, there are also those that assume 90 minutes is more accurate.⁷

With regard to nightfall (צאת הכוכבים), the opinion of רבינו תם is that nightfall is 4 mil after sunset. Here as well, many assume this means 72 minutes after sunset whereas some prefer 90 minutes after sunset. The Vilna Gaon, however, ruled that nightfall is only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mil after sunset.⁸

These various times represent different stages of darkness as the sun sets and the night progresses. The longer one waits after sunset, the further below the horizon the sun sets and the darker it becomes outside.

Many Poskim note that the rate at which the darkness intensifies outside varies based on distance from the equator and the time of year. The sun sets faster at the equator and during the winter. It takes longer for the sun to reach that same position below the horizon when one is further away from the equator and during the summer months. Accordingly, some assume that the times given by the Talmud to identify dawn (4 מיל before sunrise) and nightfall (4 מיל or $\frac{3}{4}$ מיל after sunset) represent only the intensity of darkness or light visible in Israel (and בבבל)

⁶ Shulchan Aruch 559:2; Mishna Berura 559:15

⁷ Bi'ur Halacha 559:2

⁸ See Shulchan Aruch 261:2 and Mishna Berura 261:20, 23.

on the equinox day at that time.⁹ To achieve that same intensity of darkness at a different location further north of the equator would require one to wait a little longer.

Therefore, if we assume 4 mil equals 72 minutes, we really mean that the level of darkness reached at that point after sunset on the equinox day in Israel is considered nightfall. Astronomically speaking, this is when the sun is approximately 16.1 degrees below the horizon.

If we assume 4 mil equals 90 minutes, we really mean that the amount of darkness reached in Israel on the equinox day 90 minutes after sunset is considered nightfall. This is when the sun is at 19.8 degrees below the horizon.

There are therefore some who rule that to calculate times for dawn and nightfall we calculate not a number of minutes before sunrise or after sunset but rather the time at which the sun reaches a certain number of degrees below the horizon.

This question also impacts the calculation of the start time for the fast of the בכורים which begins at dawn.

These different opinions account for the differences in halachic times you may notice on different Pesach guides. Everyone is advised to consult their own Rav for halachic guidance.

After midday one may not engage in any form of work which would be prohibited on Chol Hamoed such as laundering or sewing clothing.¹⁰ This Rabbinic prohibition stems from the celebratory nature of the day due to the offering of the Korban Pesach that everyone was obligated to bring in the afternoon of Erev Pesach.¹¹

Firstborns or the father of a firstborn child who are fasting on Erev Pesach begin the fast at dawn.

⁹ Bi'ur Halacha 261:2 s.v. שְׁהוּא

¹⁰ Shulchan Aruch 468:1 and Mishna Berura 468:7

¹¹ Mishna Berura 468:1

It is prohibited to eat matzah or matza meal (even baked matza meal products) all day Erev Pesach after dawn.¹² This Rabbinic prohibition is intended to highlight and distinguish the mitzva to eat matza at the Seder.¹³

Boiled matza products such as matza balls (קניידלאך בלעז) which cannot be used in fulfillment of the mitzva of matza at the Seder may be eaten Erev Pesach but not after the beginning of the tenth hour of the day in order to ensure one retains an appetite for the mitzvah of matza at the Seder. Eating a moderate amount of fruit, vegetables, eggs, fish or meat is permissible even after this time.¹⁴

Although with regard to Shabbos one is allowed to accept Shabbos early, the halacha requires that kiddush on Pesach night be recited only after nightfall.¹⁵

It is quite obvious that proper observance of Pesach requires careful adherence to a multitude of time sensitive halachos. As Rav Yosef Dov Soloveichik once noted, a slave subject to the demands of a master is never in control of his own time. Perhaps our careful attention to these various time constraints on Erev Pesach serves as a fitting introduction to the celebration of our freedom and transformation to an emancipated people who are masters of their own time.

¹² Rama 471:2, Mishna Berura 471:12

¹³ Mishna Berura 471:11

¹⁴ Mishna Berura 471:20, 471:3

¹⁵ Shulchan Aruch 472:1

Guidelines in Hilchos Pesach

Pesach Preparation

Based on talks given by Rabbi Herschel Welcher, Chairman Vaad Harabonim of Queens Kashrus Committee, and Morah D'asra Kehilas Ahavas Yisrael

- One is not obligated to perform a bedika for place that had already been checked and that was clearly visible.
- One only needs to be concerned about crumbs on Pesach insofar as they should not accidentally be eaten.
- It is for this reason that seforim do not require checking if one ensures that it is not brought to the Pesach table.
- One should make an effort to learn the halachos clearly, as keeping extra halachos that are not required can detract from simchas yom tov.
- All areas must be checked if it had been accessible to children.

Kitchen - Cleaning and Kashering

The Stovetop

The area between the burners should be cleaned well and covered with a double layer of heavy-duty foil. Care should be taken not to cover the vents. The backsplashes, and area over the pots should also be covered with foil. Knobs should be soaked in ammonia and water, and then hot water should be poured on them.

A Gas Range- one should place aluminum foil over each grate with the center raised in the shape of a tepee. This will allow the flame to go up without burning a hole in the foils center, and the heat will be trapped inside. Each grate should be done separately (so as not to damage the stovetop) for approx. 10-15 minutes. A grate which is not directly on the fire should not be used unless it is cleaned well and then kashered in a self-cleaning oven. The other grates may also be kashered in this

manner. The grates may additionally be kashered by holding each part of the grate (i.e. using pliers) directly over the fire.

On an Electric Stovetop, turn the burners on the highest setting for about 5 to 10 minutes. Drip pans should be covered with aluminum foil.

Electric Smooth Top (Glass)Range

Should only be used if there is no alternative, and after consulting with a halachic authority on how to do so.

Sinks

Should not come in contact with anything hot for 24 hours before kashering. Stoppers, strainers, and anything else removable should be taken off and replaced. One should pour ammonia or bleach into the drain and let it sit for about 20 minutes before flushing it out with cold water. Although it is sufficient to just fully cover the sink, it is preferable to pour hot boiling water directly from the pot that it was boiled in, onto every spot of the sink including the drain and faucet's spout. One should splash some of the hot water underneath the spit as well. Sprayers and their hoses can be kashered in the same way or completely covered. Enamel sinks, and non-metal sprayers/hoses should additionally be covered. The backsplashes should also be covered.

If you normally put hot pots directly on the sink, then preferably one should take a hot stone directly from the stove top, and using a pair of pliers, go over each spot on the sink that the hot water is poured on making the hot water run off and sizzle. If that is difficult it is then preferable to cover the sink using an insert. If neither of these options can be done, one may rely on simply pouring the hot water straight from the pot it was boiled in directly onto every spot, but this is not an ideal koshering option.

Countertops

Granite, marble and stainless steel countertops may be kashered by cleaning, waiting 24 hours and pouring boiling water over them. If hot pots had been placed directly upon them, then the surface must be completely covered with a thick, non-porous material. Many countertops are made of material that cannot be kashered, and require being covered. The backsplash must be covered in either case.

Ovens

Self-cleaning Oven

Thoroughly clean with a caustic oven cleaner. Special attention should be paid to the spaces in the areas between the door and the oven, the inside face of the oven door, and the opposing outer rim of the oven outside the gasket as these are not always sufficiently heated during the self-cleaning process. The self-cleaning cycle should then be turned on for 3 hours with the racks inside. Because in newer ovens the doors are not getting sufficiently hot, covering the inside of the oven door with heavy duty aluminum foil is recommended.

Gas or Electric Ovens

Oven racks should be kashered in a self-cleaning oven. The oven itself should be thoroughly cleaned with a caustic oven cleaner. Once the oven has been cleaned, it may be kashered by turning the oven to the highest setting for three hours. The inside of the oven should then be covered with heavy aluminum foil. Preferably one long piece should be wrapped around covering one side, the back and then the other side, in the shape of a 'U'. A single sheet of foil should then be used to cover the bottom of the oven, and then one for the top. The sheet of foil on the top should be able to be held up by the heavy aluminum foil 'U' covering the oven sides. The foil should then be gently pressed into the grooves where the tracks are, so that the oven racks may be carefully slid back in place. It is recommended that one not remove these racks until after the conclusion of Yom Tov as this will greatly increase the likelihood of the foil being torn.

Refrigerator and Freezer

Thoroughly clean and wash out well, especially the gasket and the top of the gasket. Covering the shelves is recommended but not required. Ice trays should be put away with chometz dishes.

Microwave Ovens

Microwave's with plastic insides should preferably not be used on Pesach.

Microwave's with steel insides should be thoroughly cleaned. The rack and turntable should be removed and put away with ones chometz.

One should then pour a small amount of water onto the floor of the microwave. A kosher for Pesach glass or Pyrex cup or a doubled (so that it does not melt) plastic cup of water should be placed inside and the microwave should be turned on for 10 minutes. Hot steam will then be visible inside the microwave, and it will be kashered.

Dishwashers

Stainless steel dishwashers can be kashered by cleaning it well and then running a cycle with detergent, however it is not recommended and should only be done if there is a compelling need.

Tables

Should be cleaned well. Cracks that open where a table can expand should be separated and cleaned. The table should then be covered with a heavy and non-porous covering.

Baby High Chair

Thoroughly clean and the tray must be covered with a thick and non-porous material.

Braces or False teeth

One who has braces or dentures should preferably not eat any hot chometz for 24 hours before Pesach..

KASHERING UTENSILS FOR PESACH

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It is preferable to have separate utensils for Pesach. When this is not possible, one can kasher some types of utensils as listed below:

Metal Utensils

Metal utensils that were used for cooking, serving, or eating chometz may be kashered by cleaning them thoroughly, waiting 24 hours and then immersing them into boiling water in a Kosher for Pesach pot. One can kasher an oversized pot by bringing water to a boil and dropping a hot rock into the pot causing the pot to overflow on all sides. The rock needs to be already heated so that the water does not become cooled. If a pot is not completely made of metal, a halachic authority must be consulted. Bake pans and sheet pans cannot be kashered.

Blechs

A blech that had been used during the rest of the year should not be used on Pesach

Keurig Machine

A Keurig machine used during the rest of the year should not be used on Pesach

Glassware

When special Pesach glassware is unavailable, one may kasher drinking glasses by immersing them in cold water for three twenty-four (24) hour periods. The water should be emptied and refilled in between. This procedure, however, does not apply to glass (Pyrex) that is used with heat.

** Please Note: A competent halachic authority should be consulted.*

FOR SEFARDIM:

Glass and Plastic in Halacha

Most Sefardic Poskim rule that both Plastic and Glass MAY be Kashered for Pesach.

However, there would still be a difference between these two materials.

Plastic:

Sefardim:

Although many Sefardic Poskim rule that one may Kasher Plastic even for Pesach (*Chazon Ovadia, hilchos hagaala*), it would still require typical *kashering* procedure. Therefore, should there be a fear that one's *kashering* would ruin the item in question, even those that typically would kasher plastic, would have to refrain.

Therefore, only plastic items that would require *kashering* with water (*haagalah*) would easily be *kasherable* on Pesach.

Ashkenazim:

Because Plastic, and other largely synthetic material, were not spoken of by either the Torah or Chazal, many are strict, at least regarding Pesach, NOT to *kasher* (Igros Moshe, *oh/c* 2:92. Cf. *Seridei Eish* 2:160; *Tzitz Eliezar* 4:6). In cases of need, speak to your Rav.

GLASS

Perhaps the greatest distinction between Sefardi Poskim and Ashkenazi Poskim is in regard to Glass.

Ashkenazim:

See earlier note on drinking glasses.

Sefardim:

According to Rav Ovadia Yosef (*Yalkut Yosef, issur v'heter* p. 459) glass that was used for *Chometz* during the year may simply be washed and cleaned –without any type of *kashering* done to it –and it may be used on Pesach.

However, one must be sure that the item in question is made from 100% glass.

Background:

As we know, vessels made from earthenware are generally not *kasherable* due, partly, to its highly porous nature.

Glass however is hard and non-porous, yet is made from the same sand, or silica, as earthenware. This puts glass in a *halachically* questionable category.

The Gemara seems to give us no clear direction as to how we are to view glass in terms of its *kashering* status making this material vexing in terms of its *halachic* status.

The central two views are:

- The *Shluchan Aruch*, and many *Sefardim* –follow the lenient view that glass may be used interchangeably between hot meat and milk, or *chometz* and Pesach, so long as they are cleaned in-between.
- The *Rama* quotes the more stringent view, that glass should be considered in many ways like earthenware and therefore cannot be *kashered*, and they certainly can't be used interchangeably.

The *Rama* says that this latter view has been the *minhag* among *ashkenazim*.

Nevertheless, even according for *ashkenazim* there are leniencies we employ by glass not found by earthenware or even metal utensils.

Some argue that the *Rama* was referring to Pesach only and the rest of year one may *kasher* glass if it is known not to break when exposed to high heat, such as Pyrex. Based on this, Rav Moshe Feinstein even allowed using a meat dishwasher to clean dairy glassware.

Others disagree with this yet would agree that one may use dairy glassware for *cold* meat dishes, and vice versa. This is true even if the glass was used for hot dairy (but not placed in the oven itself) and now is being used for cold meat or vice versa.

Yet, almost all agree that relating to *meals* glass may be used interchangeably. Meaning, cups for *cold* soda can be utilized at both meat and dairy meals. The same would apply to glass plates used for hot dairy and later used to serve cold *parve* cake at a meat meal.

Rav Shlomo Zalman Aurbach rules that a glass coffee mug that was used with milk may be served with *parve* coffee at a meat meal that same day (if cleaned).

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE KASHERED

Bread Machine | China | Corning Ware | Crock-pot
George Forman Grill | Grater (any) | Knives with plastic handles
Melmac | Pasta Maker | Plastic Utensils | Porcelain
Porcelain Enamel Pots | Pyrex | Sandwich Maker | Stoneware
Synthetic Rubber | Teflon | Toaster Oven | Waffle Iron

A Fast Question

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The Mishneh Brurah writes that the reason a bechor, oldest son (some opinions maintain that daughters must fast as well), is required to fast Erev Pesach is to mark the fact that he was saved from the decree against firstborns during the tenth plague of the Egyptians (Shulkan Aruch O.C. 470:1).

The thought occurred to me that this is unusual. We always follow a different practice. When one is saved by a miracle, the custom is to celebrate with a meal, not fast. Purim and Pesach are classic examples of this. You know the old adage about Jewish holidays: "They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat". So why in this case do the firstborns fast? Why do they not feast?

Perhaps we can say that during Pesach we are enjoined to relive the Exodus experience. "A person is obligated to view himself as though he himself exited Mitzrayim", is how the chazal put it. That is why we do not recite a bracha on Hallel at the seder table. We are not saying Hallel because of the mitzvah to do so, but because it is as though we are reliving the Exodus and we immediately become inspired to express Hallel to Hashem.

This may be the reason the bechorim fast. They are now reliving the time when the decree was upon the firstborn to be struck. That required fasting as did the Jews during the decree of Haman. This may also explain why this fast is different from all other fasts in that it is suspended with the participation of a siyum. Try that with any other fast! The idea is that although the bechorim are now fasting we want them to celebrate as well just as we have the maror and the wine at the seder table which expresses both the bitterness of the enslavement as well as the ecstasy of freedom. That really cuts to the essence of classic Jewish attitude. Seeking optimism in the most difficult circumstances.

Bedikos Chometz: Staying in a Hotel

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If one is going to a hotel for Pesach and occupies his room the night before Pesach, then he is obligated to do *bedikas chametz with* a *beracha* in the hotel room that night. He is a *socher* (renter) with keys. He should preferably come with ten pieces of *chametz* and put them around the room as he would in his own house. He must dispose of the *chametz* the next day as with his own from home.

(I mentioned this to Rav Herschel Schachter shlita and he concurred.)

Questions on Bedikas Chametz

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Time Frame

1. When must bedikas chametz be performed?
 - Bedikas chometz must be performed on the eve of the fourteenth of Nissan (April 22, 2016) after nightfall (approximately 40 minutes after sunset)¹.
 - Once nightfall has arrived one may no longer engage in any form of work until they perform the bedika².
2. When does one recite the bracha?
 - One recites the bracha before they begin the actual bedika process.
3. What if I forgot to make a bracha at the outset?
 - So long as the bedika is not complete, you may recite the appropriate bracha.
4. What if I cannot do the bedika on the night of the 14th?
 - Ideally one should designate a *shaliach* (representative) to perform the bedika at the appropriate time. Should that not be feasible, it should be done on the last evening before your departure. A bracha is not made on an early bedika³.
5. If for some reason I must do the bedika on the DAY of the 14th, do I recite a bracha?

¹ Shulchan Aruch OC 431:1

² Ibid 431:2

³ Rav Schachter, Shlita

- Yes, when searching on the day of the 14th, a bracha is recited until the time of *bitul chametz* (nullification of chometz).

Procedures

6. What bracha is recited?

- The bracha of "על ביעור חמץ" is recited, immediately followed by the bedika.

7. How must the bedika be performed?

- One must check all rooms, closets and anywhere chametz may have been brought. Special care should be given to corners and crevices as it possible that chametz may be hiding there. The bedika is performed with the aid of the light of a single candle, and may be completed with a flashlight.⁴ The generally accepted custom is to start with a candle and then transition to a flashlight.

8. Must one put out 10 pieces of bread?

- The Arizal established the custom of placing 10 pieces of [non-crumby] bread. If it is not feasible to divide the chametz into 10 pieces, fewer pieces may be used⁵. Regardless of the amount of pieces, it is imperative that chametz pieces be laid out prior to the bedika⁶.

9. What happens if I find more than 10 pieces?

- Good for you! This is the purpose of the bedika – to search for chametz that I may, or may not, know about.

10. What happens if I find less than 10 pieces?

⁴ Halachos of Pesach (pg 86) quoting Rav Aharon Kotler and Rav Moshe Feinstein that the flashlight suffices.

⁵ MB 432:12

⁶ Shaar Hatzion 432:12

- Go back and keep checking! If after an exhaustive search of the entire premises, including all nooks and crevices, it is still not found, one does not have to go back and recheck⁷. Under such circumstances, make sure to have extra concentration when reciting the “Kol Chamira”, the nullification of all chometz.

Location Questions

11. If I am going away (within thirty days) for Pesach, do I need to check my house, or can I just sell my whole house?

- Ideally, the whole house should be checked. A person who cannot be at home on the eve of the fourteenth should appoint a representative to perform the bedika and nullify his chametz for him on the eve of the fourteenth⁸. If no representative is available then one should perform the bedika the evening prior to leaving without a bracha, even in a situation that one will not return home during the entire Pesach⁹. If one finds it difficult to make a bedika on the whole house it might be possible to clean and check one room, with the remainder of the house sold to a non-Jew

12. If I am at a hotel for pesach, do I need to check the hotel room? When?

- Yes, you must check the hotel room as you would your own house. If you are checked in by the eve of the fourteenth, don't forget to make a bracha. Please bear in mind that it is essential that the 10 pieces of bread be placed out before performing this hotel bedika.

13. If I arrive on erev pesach by day must I make a bedika? With a bracha?

⁷ Shaarei Tshuva 432:7

⁸ MB 436:1

⁹ MB 436:3

- As mentioned above, if he should check with a bracha provided that it is before the zman bitul (time of nullification – see time chart on page ____).

14. If I am a guest at someone's house, must I make a bedika?

- No. If one is a guest they may rely on the owner. However, if the host is around, one should ask if the home was checked.

15. My neighbor is going away for Pesach, can I house my guests there if no one did bedika (they are selling the house)? and if not for which rooms must bedika be done?

- You must perform a bedika on all rooms that will be used over the Pesach holiday.

16. If I rent out my house, do I need to do bedika before I leave? What about the person renting from me?

- If you rent out your house to another Jew and you gave him the keys before the eve of the 14th, it is the renter's obligation to check for chametz on the premises.

17. Does my car need bedika?

- Yes. Especially if you have little kids. In fact, I just found snacks from last year's pesach in my car!

18. My locker at school?

- Yes. Please bear in mind that Oreos are NOT kosher for Passover.

19. My office, and when should this bedika be performed?

- Again, your personal workspace should be checked. Ideally, one should do it the last day or (if it is possible to stay until) night fall that he is there.

20. My entire workplace – if I am the owner? Yes.

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