

## Passover Schedule

Date	Activity	Time
Tues., April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Search for Chametz	After Nightfall
Wed., April 5 <sup>th</sup> Erev Pesach Seder I	Service of the First Born Stop eating Chametz Sale of Chametz Burn & Nullify leftover Chametz Candle Lighting – Seder I	7:00 AM Before 10:47 AM 11:00 AM Before 11:52 AM 7:05 PM
Thurs., April 6 <sup>th</sup> First Day of Pesach	Morning Services Candle Lighting for Seder II	10:00 AM After 8:05 PM
Fri., April 7 <sup>th</sup> Second Day of Pesach	Yom Tov Morning Services II Shabbat Chol HaMoed Ma'ariv Service	10:00 AM 7:30 PM
Sat., April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Shabbat Chol HaMoed	10:00 AM
Sun., April 9 <sup>th</sup> thru Mon., April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chol HaMoed Ma'ariv Services	8:00 PM
Tues., April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Candle Lighting Evening Yom Tov Seventh Day of Passover Service	7:11 PM 8:00 PM
Wed., April 12 <sup>th</sup> Seventh Day of Pesach	Seventh Day of Passover Morning Services Commuter Yiskor Ma'ariv Candle Lighting for Eighth Day	10:00 AM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM 8:12 PM
Thurs., April 13 <sup>th</sup> Eighth Day of Pesach	Yom Tov & Yiskor Service Havdallah Chametz Returned	10:00 AM After 8:13 PM Around 8:30 PM

Dear Friends,

To say we live in unprecedented times might be an overstatement. Certainly, the world is not in more turmoil than during the World Wars. And many of us remember living during the palpable tension of the Cold War. Yet now challenges come at us from all sides - division, within and without.

Besides the threats from Russia, China, and Iran, we have a rise in religious extremism in Israel and antisemitism and hate in America. Our country is divided between Red and Blue lines. It seems as though Lincoln's famous words, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," apply to us once more.

Amidst this background, we celebrate Passover. The great 20th-century Modern Orthodox luminary, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, wrote:

History, Judaism says, cannot move or progress without the individual. God waits for man if there is something to be done. He does nothing until man initiates action. God waits for man, for a single person, to accept responsibility and initiate the process of ge'ulah, of redemption. It is strange. On the one hand, God is the Go'el Yisrael, our redeemer and liberator; however, God wills man to become His Shali'ah [his messenger or representative] in the drama of ge'ulah, the personalistic shali'ah with whom God will walk.

God wants an individual great in knowledge, in morality, in prophecy, to be a participant in the drama of ge'ulah. God wills man to emerge as a great being through his acceptance of the shelihut, mission. Not the collective, but the individual, seizes the initiative. "It came to pass in the course of those many days, that the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage and their cry rose up to God...and God saw their affliction, and God knew" (Exodus 2:23-25). God was ready, the people were ready, the time had passed, ge'ulah was possible, and God could have taken them out in a split second. But God had to wait for someone. Immediately, in the next verse, Moses is mentioned: "Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro" (Exodus 3:1).<sup>1</sup>

Likewise, in our day and age, we can't sit back and be passive. If we care about the future of America, Israel, and our planet, we need to be proactive. We each need to think about what we can do to be proponents of peace, defenders of the defenseless, and guarantors of freedom for all.

Happy Passover,  
R' Neil, Judy and family

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<sup>1</sup> FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM: Essays on Pesah and the Haggadah, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, KTAV Publishing House and Urim Publications, 2006

## PASSOVER GUIDE

What follows is a general guideline of dietary regulations for Passover. This guide is for use by our congregants and is not intended to set standards for other communities. Any questions should be directed to the Rabbi, who would be happy to clarify any doubts.

**Prohibited foods:** Prohibited foods containing fermented or leavened grain that has been exposed to water for 18 minutes prior to cooking or baking. These foods are called *CHAMETZ*. Examples are breads, cake, crackers, cereal, cookies, pasta, candy, or any product containing grain derivatives such as flavors made with grain alcohol, grain vinegar, liquors, beer, etc. Ashkenazic tradition by which we are bound also prohibits the use of rice, corn, beans, and peas known as *Kitniyot*.

**Permitted foods:** The following foods do not require “Kosher for Passover” labels if purchased prior to Passover. Note labels must be checked to verify that these items are in their pure form with no additives unless otherwise specified: unflavored caffeinated coffee, tea, cane sugar, salt, whole unprocessed spices, frozen fruit juice no additives, fresh fruit juice, frozen fruit, milk, cream. The following products may also be purchased on Passover without a special Passover certification: fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, eggs, fresh fish, and fresh meat.

All other processed foods, including frozen vegetables and dried fruit require a special Kosher for Passover certification.

**Detergents:** Dishwashing detergents do not require a special “Kosher for Passover” labels, however, new containers should be used.

**Medication:** Discontinuing any medication, which you are taking at the advice of a doctor, is prohibited according to *Halacha*. If you are taking a medication that you suspect contains *CHAMETZ* please consult the Rabbi prior to discontinuing said medication. Many medications do contain *CHAMETZ* binders; the Rabbi is available to discuss any medical issues with both you and your doctor.

## KASHERING OF KITCHEN APPLIANCES AND UTENSILS

**Utensils and dishes:** It is customary (and easiest) to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, replacing them with either new utensils or utensils reserved for exclusive use on Passover. Most metal and hard plastic items can be koshered by dipping them in boiling water for 10 seconds. Certain non-stick utensils cannot be koshered. Ask the rabbi or see the RA guide.

**Ovens and ranges:** Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly cleaned. This includes the walls and the top and bottom of the oven. The oven or range should then be heated at its highest possible temperature. The oven should be heated at maximum heat for at least an hour; the range top should be heated until the elements turn red and glow. The grates from range should be cleaned with a caustic (Easy Off type) cleanser. After a general and careful cleaning, a self-cleaning oven is put through a three hour cleaning.

**Microwave ovens** that have no convection option should be thoroughly cleaned. Then place an eight-ounce cup of water inside the oven and microwave until the water almost disappears. (At least 6 of the 8 ounces need to evaporate.) Do not heat until the water is completely evaporated, as this may damage the oven. A microwave/ convection or browning oven is kashered like regular ovens. When cleaning, be sure to thoroughly clean around the fan.

**Dishwashers** need to be cleaned as thoroughly as possible, including the inside area around the drainage and filters. Then run a full cycle with detergent (with racks inserted), while empty.

**Metal kitchen sinks** can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and scrubbing the sink (especially the garbage catch), letting it sit for 24 hours, and then carefully pouring boiling water over all the surfaces of the sink, including the lip. A porcelain sink cannot be kashered, but should be thoroughly cleaned and used with Passover dish basins and dish drains, one each for dairy and for meat.

**Refrigerators and freezers** are cleaned using any household cleaner.

For further information go to:

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/pesah-guide-5783-2.28.23.pdf>. Please speak to the rabbi personally, call him or send him an email if you'd like to make him your emissary to sell your chametz. The chametz sale form is on the following page.

## Sale of Chametz Agreement Passover 5783/2023

I, \_\_\_\_\_, permit and empower Rabbi Neil Schuman of Manetto Hill Jewish Center, Plainview NY, to act in my stead and in my behalf, to sell all "chametz" (leaven) and all possibly edible products containing even the smallest percentage of "chametz" as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law, possessed by me knowingly or unknowingly, to the person (who is not Jewish) of Rabbi Schuman's choice. Additionally, all the places (i.e., freezers, refrigerators, and pantry shelves, etc.) where the above-mentioned products are stored will be leased to the buyer as well.

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address (if chametz is also being stored there):  
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Telephone during Passover: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of person who has access to the premises if I will be away:  
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On the morning of Wednesday, April 5, 2023, I hereby grant Rabbi Neil Schuman the full right to sell my chametz to whom he sees fit. I understand that this is a complete sale and that the buyer has full rights to access and consume what he/she has purchased. Although I understand that the Rabbi will attempt to repurchase the items from the buyer after Passover 5783, nonetheless from the time of the sale on April 5th (approximately 11:00 AM), they belong to the buyer. I understand that if the buyer does not want to sell back the chametz after Passover 5783, I will be paid in full, according to the fair market value of the items. In addition, the Rabbi will lease the above-mentioned storage areas to the buyer, by such transactions as he deems fit and proper from the 5th of April, 2023 in the morning until 8:30 PM on April 13th. The authority which is hereby given, and the sale and rental of the aforementioned items is meant to be in conformity with Torah and Rabbinic law as well as with the laws of the State of New York and of the United States of America.

To this I do hereby affix my signature,  
  
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April \_\_\_\_\_, 2023