

KSY Pesach Flier 2021/5781

Summary: As everyone knows, Pesach will be a little bit different this year because Erev Pesach falls on Shabbos. Rav Haber's recent shiurim, in addition to providing general halachic guidance for Pesach, have addressed this issue. This guide includes a day-by-day summary of some of those halachic implications as well as zmanim for each day. **Note:** This is a brief summary and a guide. All halachic she'eilos should be directed to Rav Haber.

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Zmanim for Pesach 5781

צאת שבת / י"ט	מעריב	שקיעה	מנחה	שחרית	שקיעה	הדלקת נרות מנחה קבלת שבת			
		18:59	18:00 שבת הגדול דרשה 18:20	7:00	18:58	18:39	י"ד ניסן	27-Mar-21	שבת הגדול
19:33	19:25	18:59	18:00	8:15	18:59	מעריב 19:33 After 19:33: הדלקת נרות	ט"ו ניסן	28-Mar-21	ראשון של פסח
	20:30	19:00	13:00	06:30 08:00	18:59		ט"ז ניסן	29-Mar-21	א' חול המועד
	20:30	19:01	13:00	06:30 08:00	19:00		י"ח ניסן	30-Mar-21	ב' חול המועד
	20:30	19:02	13:00	06:30 08:00	19:01		י"ח ניסן	31-Mar-21	ג' חול המועד
	20:30	19:02	13:00	06:30 08:00	19:02		י"ט ניסן	1-Apr-21	ד' חול המועד
	20:30	19:03	18:52	06:30 08:00	19:02		כ' ניסן	2-Apr-21	ה' חול המועד
19:38	19:38	19:04	18:00	8:00	19:03	18:43	כ"א ניסן	3-Apr-21	שביעי של פסח

Zmanim for Erev Pesach/Shabbos Ha-Gadol 5781

Sof z'man achilas chometz	10:18 AM
Sof z'man bi'ur chometz	11:31 AM
Chatzos/eat Se'udah Shlishis after	12:46 PM
No eating a full meal after...	3:51 PM

Some (additional) Pesach prep recommendations from Rav

Haber

- Buy some chad pa'ami for your se'udos Shabbos. Something a bit nicer than regular chad pa'ami l'kavod Shabbos
- It is important to prepare your havdallah candle for the seder in advance, before Shabbos. Some suggestions:
 - Twist two small candles together
 - Use the last bit of an old *havdallah* candle

Mechiras Chometz with Rav Haber

- Reminder: Rav Haber will facilitate your *mechiras chometz*
- Times for selling *chometz* will be:
 - 1:45 PM to 2:15 PM at KSY (after *mincha*)
 - 8:45 PM to 9:15 PM at KSY (after *ma'ariv*)
- *Mechiras chometz* can also be done with Rav Haber online. Follow this link: <https://yaacovhaber.com/sell-your-chometz/>
- Make sure to finalize your *mechiras chometz* no later than Tuesday evening 23 March 2021

Thursday *morning* 25 March 2021 / 12 Nissan 5781

The *siyum bechorim* will be held after the 6:40 AM *shacharis minyan* at KSY. The *siyum* is sponsored by the Goldmeier family. This is the 65th year the Goldmeier family is sponsoring the *siyum*, this year in memory of their son Meier Simcha.

Thursday *night* 25 March 2021 / 13 Nissan 5781

Zmanim	
Shkia	5:57 PM
Tzeis Ha-Kochavim	6:31 PM

Bedikas Chometz after tzeis ha-kochavim

- The first thing you should do on the night of the 13th of Nissan is to set aside some bread in a plastic bag, enough for **two** Shabbos se'udos
- At this point your house will be 100% Pesachdik except for the bread in the plastic bag
- Do *bedikas chometz* on Thursday night after *tzeis ha-kochavim*, exactly as you would normally do it. This includes saying the brocha of *al bi'ur chometz* before the *bedika* and recitation of *kol chamira va'chamiya* afterwards
- Put what you found during the *bedika* into a second plastic bag for burning Friday morning

Friday 26 March 2021 / 13-14 Nissan 5781

Zmanim	
Shacharis	6:45 AM
Lechatechila burn chometz by...	11:31 AM
B'dieved burn chometz no later than...	12:46 PM
Candle lighting/mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos	6:39 PM
Shkia	6:58 PM

Bi'ur Chometz no later than 11:31 AM

- On Friday morning, you're going to do *bi'ur chometz* (even though it's not *Erev Pesach*)
- You should dispose of whatever *chometz* you gathered in your *bedika* last night
- *Lechatechila* do *bi'ur chometz* by 11:31 AM
- *B'dieved* it can be done up to *chatzos* (12:46 PM)
- You don't have to say *kol chamira va'chamiya* because you're going to say it on Shabbos morning anyway

Preparing food for Pesach

- By now, your whole kitchen is *Pesachdik*
- If you bought *chad pa'ami* for your Shabbos *se'udas*, as you cook you can transfer the food to the *chad pa'ami*

Making the Friday night se'udas Shabbos

- Friday night you'll make *kiddush* and eat a regular Shabbos meal using the bread you set aside on Thursday night
- Reminder: On Shabbos it is *assur* to eat *matzah* because it's *Erev Pesach*. Some use *matzah ashira*

Saturday 27 March 2021 / 14-15 Nissan 5781

Zmanim	
Shacharis	7:00 AM
Sof z'man achilas chometz	10:18 AM
Sof z'man bi'ur chometz	11:31 AM
Chatzos/eat Se'udah Shlishis after	12:46 PM
No eating a full meal after...	3:51 PM
Mincha	6:00 PM
Rav Haber's Shabbos HaGadol Drosha: "Can the Government Force Us?"	6:20 PM
Shkia	6:59 PM
Ma'ariv/hadlokas neiros after	7:33 PM
Chatzos Ha-Layla	12:44 AM

Eating and disposing of remaining chometz b'zman

- In order to provide enough time for everyone to wash and eat challah before *sof z'man achilas chometz*, **shacharis on Shabbos morning will start at 7:00 AM**
- People should be home from shul around 9:00 AM (or shortly thereafter) to make kiddush
- The Rav recommends washing/eating your challah straight away in the beginning of the meal so you can put any remaining *chometz* aside and eat your meal in as normal a fashion as possible
- Note: the proper approach is to eat your bread in the place where you made kiddush (*kiddush b'makom se'udah*)
- After *bentshing*, make sure you dispose of all remaining *chometz* via some act of *bi'ur*. There are two ways to do this (whichever method is least uncomfortable for you):
 - Mix the *chometz* with floor cleaning soap, or
 - Flush it down the toilet
- Poskim seem to prefer flushing the *chometz* down the toilet because this takes it out of your *reshus* completely
- At this point you'll say *kol chamira va'chamiya* in a language you understand

Eating se'udah shelishis that is l'kavod Shabbos and also allows you to have a good appetite for the seder

- *Se'udah shelishis* should be eaten after chatzos (12:46 PM), without *chometz* (at this point in the day bread and matzah are both *assur* to eat)
- The Rama recommends eating one of four things for *se'udah shelishis* on *Shabbos Erev Pesach*: meat, chicken, fish or fruit
- Note that eating fruit for *se'udah shelishis* is *b'dieved* because it is not something from which we typically make a meal. Thus, eating fruit for *se'udah shelishis* lacks *kavod Shabbos*
- You can also eat *mezonos* at this meal. Cake or *k'neidlach* made out of matzah meal are both *mezonos*. Eating *mezonos* at *se'udah shelishis* is a *hiddur*
- One should not eat a full meal after 3:51 PM in order to have a good appetite for the seder
- What the Rav is going to do: Eat a light fleishig meal as early as possible after chatzos (12:46 PM), finishing early enough to ensure having a good appetite for the seder

Mincha, the Rav's drosha, and ma'ariv

- We will daven mincha at 6:00 PM
- The Rav's Shabbos Ha-Gadol drosha will begin at 6:20 PM
- We will daven ma'ariv at 7:33 PM

Preparing for the seder

- Preparations for the seder cannot begin until it is night (7:33 PM)
- At 7:33 PM, Y"Y is here, you can light candles, you can start making all of your preparations for the seder
- You first say *baruch ha-mavdil bein kodesh l'kodesh*
- One should start the seder as early as possible to maximize the involvement of the children

Making havdalah at the seder

- This year the seder falls on motza'ei Shabbos. *Havdallah* is included in *kiddush*. The order of *berachos* can be found in the *haggadah*
- Since it is Y"Y you can light the candle but you cannot put it out. It is important to prepare your *havdallah* candle for the seder in advance, before Shabbos. Some suggestions:
 - Twist two small candles together
 - Use the last bit of an old *havdallah* candle

Bonus Divrei Torah from Rav Haber!

What Can We Accomplish at the Seder

by Rabbi Yaacov Haber

From www.yaacovhaber.com

“Rabbi Eliezer, Rabbi Yehoshua, Rabbi Elazar Ben Azariah, Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Tarphon were conducting a Seder in Bnei Brak.

They were discussing the Exodus all that night, until their students came and told them: “Rabbis! It is time for the Morning Prayer “Shma!” (Haggada)

What were these rabbis doing in Bnei Brak? Rabbi Akiva lived in Bnei Brak but the rest lived in Lod, Yavneh, and Pek’in, which were in very different parts of Israel!

Why weren’t these Rabbis making a Seder with their families – fulfilling the mitzvah ...”and you shall teach your son on that night”?! Why were they sitting in Bnei Brak?

The early commentaries explain: The Jewish people had just experienced the heartbreaking disaster of the Destruction of the Second Temple. The Land of Israel was controlled by the Romans. Jerusalem was not in our hands. Rabbi Akiva had an idea. He called a Pesach night meeting of all the leaders of the generation to see if they could save Eretz Yisroel. They sat in hiding all night, in the caves of Bar Kochba (where they couldn’t see daylight) to praise G-d for the past, present and future. By showing gratitude to G-d, Rabbi Akiva hoped he would evoke the loving mercy of the Almighty and let us keep Israel.

On one level the plan was unsuccessful. According to the Arizal, when the students came to say it was time for the Shema the students were saying to their rabbis: Our Rabbis! The time for the ge’ulah has arrived!

On a historical level though, today we are back in Israel. Maybe it was that Seder that shook up the Heavens and gave us the Modern State of Israel.

I have a strong feeling that the more we appreciate Eretz Yisroel and express our gratitude to G-d, the more secure Eretz Yisroel will be. We can accomplish something at the Seder! We can take a few minutes to thank G-d for living in Eretz Yisroel. We can use the time to express appreciation for the

miraculous rebirth of Judaism throughout the world. We can use the opportunity of the Seder to contemplate the many miracles that have occurred in our own lives and articulate gratitude to God for helping us get through some very difficult times.

Let the theme of this Pesach be an appreciation of God, Eretz Yisroel, our survival and our relationship with the Master of the Universe.

A Chassidic Seder

by Rabbi Yaacov Haber

From www.yaacovhaber.com

Talk given in Baltimore, MD, 3/25/2006 in Congregation Bnei Torah Shaarei Zion

While visiting London a few months ago, I heard the following story from a 19 year old Jewish girl. She was vacationing in a beach house in Thailand when the Tsunami hit. Within moments she was underwater. Running on pure adrenaline she tried to get her head above water but couldn't. The debris that was floating on the water prevented her from lifting her head to breathe air. As she desperately looked for a break in the debris she realized that she was going to die. Her life, her family, and G-d flashed through her mind. As her strength began to diminish she impulsively found a way to lift her hand through the debris. She still couldn't breathe but she felt a fresh breeze on the palm of her hand. Somehow just touching life gave her hope. At that moment a miracle took place. A rescue worker somehow saw her hand, grabbed it and saved her life.

Life is not always simple. Sometimes we get between a rock and a hard place with no place to go, no one to turn to, and no air to breathe. Personally, changing countries, careers, financial positions, children's schools, etc, has created scenarios where I felt something like this young lady stuck under water. Since hearing that story, I lift up my hand, and whenever I do some miracle happens occurs and I am miraculously saved. I daven like you, three times a day – but when I really daven I pick up my hand!

The title of this Dvar Torah is “A Chasidic Seder”. What is a Chasidic Seder? The seforim teach us that the way to invoke a blessing from above is to do

something on our part here below. “Open up an opening like the point of a needle and G-d will send abundance of the greatest magnitude.” In Chasidic language this is called Isarusa D’lesata. We cause an awakening below, to merit an Isarusa D’leyla, an awakening from above.

The exception to this rule was the exodus from Egypt. The Jewish people had sunk to the lowest depths. We passed through 49 gates of impurity. There was no reason or merit to save us from the inhuman persecution we were living through. Yitzias Mitzrayim started with G-d. It was complete Isarusa D’leyla, all from above.

When we stood by the sea with no place to go, we didn’t know what to do. What Mitzvah? Which chapter of Tehillim? What Kavanah? Moshe told the people, “Hashem will fight your battle – you be silent!” All you need to do is open up your eyes and hearts to the miracles of Hashem. This was complete Isarusa D’leyla. Just raise your hands!

Every time we approach the Seder the same energy reappears. It’s not our merit. It’s not our Mitzvos. It’s just the opening up of our hearts. Kan HaBen Shoel! Just ask! Just raise your hand!

At the Seder, every thing is about seder, or order. We sing the Seder before we start. “Kadesh, Urchatz...” Reb Tzadok Ha-Kohen explains that in order to achieve holiness we usually have to prepare ourselves with an urchatz, a process of purification. The Seder should be “Urchatz, Kadesh...” The answer is that although that may be true the rest of the year, it’s not true on Pesach night. Hashem makes the first move. Kadesh first, Urchatz second. As long as we are ready – we will be holy.

I was thinking about the tabernacle we built in the desert. How did we build a Mishkan with delicate gold carvings, intricate weavings, and complicated measurements? We had callous hands and never even touched a piece of art! The answer is in the Chumash. “Every person whose heart had elevated him...” There was energy from Shamayim. Anyone who wanted to be an artist became an artist. If you wanted to become a goldsmith you became a goldsmith. We only needed to open our hearts and raise our hand.

Today, there are so many things that we need to do for ourselves and for our people but who knows how? Who has the strength? Who knows the answer?

We hear about family tragedies daily. Sometimes men or women tell me their story and I really don't know what to say. Who is the Rav or even the Gadol that knows what to say? When there is nothing to say or do – lately I find myself picking up my hand.

There is so much that we can become with no credit to ourselves. Jews that never went to Yeshivah are finishing Shas. Jews that had nothing to eat a generation ago are building institutions larger and more beautiful than during anytime in history.

When I look out of my window at the hundreds of buildings and tens of neighborhoods I ask myself – where did this come from? It wasn't even there when I was a Yeshivah Bochur! Groups of emaciated concentration camp survivors organized an army, learned how to fly jets, build tanks and skyscrapers and build a country. The Jewish people after the Holocaust picked up their hand and Hashem saved us – just like we did when we left Egypt. We built a Mishkan with our hands just like we did when we left Egypt. Isarusa D'leyla! It's all from above!

So if you want to have a Chasidische Seder this year, my suggestion is to open your hearts and the hearts of your children, pick up your hand and lean to the left. Let us all merit the ultimate gift from Hashem – the final Geula!

Sunday 28 March 2021 / 15 Nissan 5781 - Yom Tov

Zmanim	
Shacharis	8:15 AM
Mincha	6:00 PM
Shkia	6:59 PM
Ma'ariv	7:25 PM
Tzeis Ha-Kochavim	7:33 PM

Chol Ha-Mo'ed

Zmanim	
Shacharis	6:30 AM/8:00 AM
Mincha	1:00 PM
Ma'ariv	8:30 PM

Shevi'i Shel Pesach - 2-3 April 2021 / 21 Nissan 5781

Zmanim	
Candle lighting/mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos	6:43 PM
Shkia	7:03 PM
Shacharis	8:00 AM
Mincha	6:00 PM
Shkia	7:04 PM
Ma'ariv/Shabbos and Chag end	7:38 PM

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