

## PESACH SCHEDULE – NISSAN 5781

### פסח תשפ"א

**Important Note:** From Rosh Chodesh Nissan and through the first 13 days of this month, we recite the “Nassi” each day after davening. For more information see Siddur, pg. 391.

#### **PRACTICAL TIPS AND HALACHOS TO KEEP IN MIND FOR YOM TOV:**

1. Since it is not permissible to melt candles into holders on Yom Tov, it is recommended to use pre-made foil candle holders.
2. Have flames available for the first night of Yom Tov (motzei Shabbos) and second night candle lighting, as we may only light a fire on Yom Tov from an existing flame.

#### **\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTES\*\*\***

1. The kitchen and house have to be completely prepared for Yom Tov before Shabbos candle lighting, as if Pesach were to begin on Friday night.
2. **Shabbos meals should be prepared and eaten with Pesach dishes and utensils.**
3. One is not permitted to eat any Matzah until the Seder.
4. All preparations for the Seder - such as preparing the Charoses, horseradish and saltwater, checking the lettuce, and roasting for the zeroah (bone) for both Seders - must be completed **before Shabbos**.
5. Designate a small area to eat chometz for Hamotzi - away from Pesach items. This must be located where it can be seen from the Pesach table where you make kiddush. Store away all chometz utensils used on Friday night and Shabbos (after Kiddush).
6. Prepare warm water for use on Shabbos for mouth rinsing.

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 24 י"א ניסן**

*Rebbe's Birthday      Start new chapter in Tehillim: Chapter 120*

If you have not already done so, send your **PIDYON** (letter to the Rebbe requesting a blessing) to be read at the Rebbe's OHEL in Queens, NY. Fax your letter to: 718-723-4444. Email your letter to [ohel@ohelchabad.org](mailto:ohel@ohelchabad.org)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25 י"ב ניסן**

*Fast of the Firstborn:      תענית בכורים*

Men who are first-born or those who have young sons that are first-borns must attend a Siyum (around 8:45 am) in shul after Shacharis, exempting those in attendance from fasting. Siyum to be followed by Seudas Mitzvah (Mitzvah meal).

**Selling the Chometz:** This year, please print and complete the Sale of Chometz Form from Chabad of Cleveland website. It is preferable to make the Kinyan with Rabbi Chaikin. Please place this Form by Rabbi Chaikin's door **NO LATER** than Thursday afternoon, March 25.

**Search for Chometz:** Begin your search for Chometz after 8:13 pm. The blessing can be found in the beginning of the Haggadah or in the Siddur, pg. 406. Recite “Kol Chamira” after the search.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26 י"ג ניסן YARTZEIT OF THE REBBE ZEMACH ZEDEK

**Burning the Chometz:** Chometz should be burned at the latest by 12:15 PM.

**DO NOT NULLIFY CHOMETZ AFTER BURNING. Nullification will be done Shabbos morning.** We do, however, say the “Yehi Ratzon.” Chometz may be eaten all day. **Chumra:** Just as on Erev Pesach, we do not eat those ingredients that are included in the Charoses and Maror until after the second Seder. (Luach Colel Chabad).

### Candle Lighting:

1. Make sure the Shabbos candlesticks are not on the same tablecloth that has to be removed and put away with chometz.
2. **Reminder:** Make certain that there are enough candles and accessories for all candle lightings. Also, make sure that there is an existing flame available for all lightings.
3. Before lighting candles, prepare Kiddush on your Pesach table. In your Chometz area, place two Challos on a disposable plate for Hamotzi.

**7:27 PM Shabbos Candle Lighting** (Recite the blessing: L’hadlik ner shel Shabbos Kodesh)

Say Kiddush at your Pesach table. Wash for Hamotzi and eat Challah in the Chometz area (that can be seen from the Pesach table where kiddush was recited). Make sure that all Chometz crumbs are contained in a large napkin or paper bag. When you are finished eating Challah and cleanup, get rid of all crumbs by flushing them in the bathroom. Place your napkin or bag with your other Chometz utensils and proceed with your Shabbos meals at the Pesach table. Say the Bentching in the area where you ate your Challah.

## SHABBOS, MARCH 27 י"ד ניסן – שבת הגדול Shabbos HaGadol

**7:45 AM Shacharis**

Just as on Friday night, say Kiddush at your Pesach table. Wash for Hamotzi and eat Challah in the Chometz area (that can be seen from the Pesach table where kiddush was recited). After eating the Challah, dispose of all leftover crumbs, brush off your clothes, and rinse your mouth with warm water (prepared before Shabbos) in a bathroom sink. Now is the time to put away any and all Chometz items. **Suggestion: Use disposable items for eating Chometz so that everything can be thrown away into a garbage bag.**

**Nullifying the Chometz:** ALL Chometz must be eaten by 11:20 AM. Everyone must say “Kol Chamira” to nullify any Chometz before 12:20 PM Siddur, pg. 406. Be sure to translate and recite this nullification in the language you understand.

Once the Chometz is all cleared away and everyone has completed the nullification, you may eat the rest of your Shabbos meal and the Pesach table. Bentch in the area where you ate the Challah.

**During Shabbos, NO preparations for Yom Tov and the Seder are permitted.** We do not set the table, prepare the Kiddush cup or make any other arrangements. One cannot bring a Yom Tov Siddur to Shul on Shabbos. We may take a nap, but one should not explicitly say, "I'll go to sleep now, so that I can be awake for the Seder tonight."

**After Mincha:** Recite the Haggadah from "Avodim Hayinu" until after "Dayenu." Chabad Haggadah, pg. 14-29. Siddur, pg. 398.

**Before Sunset:** Recite Seder Korban Pesach, "Order of the Passover Offering." Siddur, pg. 407.

For women who do not daven Ma'ariv, once Shabbos is over, read Va'to'deeanu" Siddur, pg 333 (bottom) for Motzei Shabbos (or at least say, "Baruch haMavdil ben Kodesh l'Kodesh) before doing any work permitted on Yom Tov.

### FIRST NIGHT OF PESACH

**After 8:28 PM Yom Tov Candle Lighting** (light from an existing flame)

Recite two blessings: "Lehadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov" and "She'he'chiyanu"

**First night of Pesach:** Complete Hallel is said.

See Chabad Haggadah for Seder customs.

**The Seder to begin only after 8:30 pm.**

We eat hand-made Shmura Matzah. **Afikoman is eaten by midnight: 1:30 AM.**

"Yaale V'yavo" is added in Bentching throughout the whole Yom Tov and Chol Hamoed.

"Horachamon" (Yom Tov) is added in Bentching on Yom Tov but not on Chol Hamoed.

### SUNDAY, MAR 28 ט"ו ניסן פסח PESACH/ FIRST DAY YOM TOV

Complete Hallel is recited following the Amidah.

**Prayer for TAL (dew)** in the Musaf Prayer (Siddur, pg. 353). Begin saying "Morid HaTal" in the Musaf Amidah (pg. 340).

**After 8:30 PM Yom Tov Candle Lighting** (light from an existing flame)

Recite the same two blessings, "L'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov" and "She'he'chiyanu" (Siddur, pg. 152).

**Counting SEFIRA:** Before the end of Maariv, tonight we begin Sefiras haOmer, counting the Omer (Siddur, pg. 136).

**The Seder to begin only after 8:30 pm.**

### MONDAY, MARCH 29 ט"ז ניסן פסח SECOND DAY OF YOM TOV

At the daytime meal, it is customary to do something unique, such as a "special l'chaim" to commemorate the Seudah of Queen Esther, because on this day in history Haman was hanged. (Luach Collel Chabad)

**Maariv:** Tonight we begin saying "V'sein Brocha" (pg. 126). "Ata Chonontanu" (Siddur, pg. 125) and "Yaale V'yavo" (Siddur, pg. 128).

**Yom Tov Ends: 8:30 pm**

**Havdalah:** Siddur, pg. 297. Read Havdalah. Do not use Besamim or candle.

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY, MARCH 30 – APRIL 2** י"ז – כ' ניסן חול המועד פסח

1. We do not say מזמור לתודה in Shacharis for these days.
2. On each day, חול המועד one should drink a רביעית of wine.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2** כ' ניסן

**\*\*\*Note: Please prepare sufficient candles, accessories, and a flame for all candle lightings**

**7:34 PM Shabbos and Yom Tov Candle Lighting**

(Recite: L'hadlik ner shel Shabbos v'shel Yom Tov)

“Shalom Aleichem” and “Eishes Chayil” are said quietly.

The Chabad custom is to stay up learning Torah this entire night.

**SHABBOS, APRIL 3** כ"א ניסן **שבועי של פסח: Sh'vi'ee Shel Pesach**

Reminder: For those who do not daven Ma'ariv, read “Vatodee'anu” (Siddur, pg. 33 bottom) before doing any work after Shabbos for Yom Tov.

**After 8:35 PM Yom Tov Candlelighting** (light from an existing flame)

Recite only ONE blessing: “L'hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.”

**Bentching:** Retzei, Ya'aleh V'yovo, Harachamon for Shabbos and Yom Tov

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4** כ"ב ניסן **אחרון של פסח Acharon Shel Pesach**

**11:30AM YIZKOR.** Siddur, pg. 338

**MOSHIACH SEUDAH- We eat Matzah and drink four cups of wine.**

*Bring your own wine and/or grape juice and Matzah.*

**5:00 PM Women and girls**

**6:30 PM Following Mincha – for Men and boys**

**Maariv:** In the Amida say “Ata Chonontanu.” (Siddur, pg. 125)

**8:37 PM Pesach ends.**

**Havdalah** – No Besamim. No candle.

**WELCOME MOSHIACH**

Chometz dishes can be taken out **after 10:00 pm**

**חג כשר ושמח**

## A Pesach Message

Jews are strictly forbidden to eat any leavened foods on Passover. Bread is replaced by Matzah – flat baked wafers made only of flour and water. Jews all over the world, take scrupulous care to avoid eating even the smallest particle of Chametz.

The characteristic of leavened dough (Chametz) is that it rises and swells, symbolizing pride and boastfulness. A Matzah, on the other hand, is thin and flat, suggesting meekness and humility. Passover teaches us that Chametz – arrogance – is the very antithesis of the ideal of Torah

Each year, on Passover, we are commanded by the Torah to rid our domain of all traces of Chametz. We must seek to rid ourselves of every particle of the “spiritual Chametz” – arrogance – so that we are able to clearly perceive our own faults and our fellow’s good qualities.

Let it be that the redemption of Pesach should lead us to the ultimate redemption of Moshiach, speedily in our days.

Wishing you all a Chag Kasher V’sameach, a Kosher and Happy Pesach.