



The Latest News from Congregation Agudas Achim Anshei Sfarad

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Special for Passover

Pre-Pesach Lecture

Sunday April 17th 7:30pm Please welcome **Rabbi Ariel Burger** who will discuss *"The Inner Meaning of the Laws of Pesach"* including Halachic details and spiritual perspectives. Everyone is highly encouraged to attend this lecture, as this is an especially complex Pesach, with Erev Pesach falling on Shabbat. The lecture will take place in the shul, and all are welcome.



UPCOMING SERVICES

- 4/22, Friday (**Burn Chometz**):
7:15pm
- 4/23, Shabbat & Erev Pesach:
6:30am & 7pm
(no 3rd meal)
- 4/24, Sunday, Pesach Day 1:
9am & 7:20pm
- 4/25, Monday, Pesach Day 2:
9am & 7:20pm
- 4/29, Friday & Erev Yom Tov:
7:25pm
- 4/30, Shabbat & Pesach Day 7:
9am & 7pm
- 5/1: Sunday & Pesach Day 8:
9am & 7:25pm

*Please Help Build
Our Minyanim*

"Who Am I?"

The Identity of Jewish children in Poland in the early post-war period, 1945-1948

With Dr. Joanna Michlic

Visiting Scholar at the Brandeis University Department of Near Eastern & Judaic Studies

A Yom HaShoah Lecture, to commemorate the Holocaust

May 8th, Sunday, 7:30pm, held in the Shul

Help! Shabbat is Erev Pesach!

Passover (*Pesach*) is always as complicated as well as joyous holiday. This year, because Passover starts on Saturday night (*motzei Shabbat*) preparations are a bit more complex than usual because they cannot be done on Saturday (*Shabbat*). Below are some hints to help you with Passover preparations this year.

How Can I Sell my Chometz?

Rabbi Zalman Gurkow to the rescue! He will gladly purchase and then re-sell your chometz. If you have not already sold your chometz, please fill out the form found in this newsletter & give Rabbi Zalman a call today at **617-559-0394**. (*It is customary, but not required, to give the Rabbi to whom you sell your chometz a small fee for the service.*)

When Do We Prepare for Pesach vs. Shabbat?

Be ready for both Shabbat and Pesach before lighting your candles on Friday night (**light Shabbat candles at 7:16pm**). This includes all the cooking you will do for the two days of Yom Tov, and for the Seders.

What is the Fast of the Firstborn?

Before the Exodus from Egypt, as the final plague, Hashem slew the firstborn sons of Egypt, but spared the firstborn of Israel. Out of gratitude for this, ***all firstborn males fast on Thursday, April 21st***.

If you're a firstborn son, and you would like to avoid this fast, many participate in a *Siyum*, a celebration for completing a tractate of Talmud. Eating to celebrate at a *siyum* is sufficient reason to void the Fast of the Firstborn.

How do I Search for Chometz?

The search for leavened products should be conducted **on the night of Thursday, April 21st, 2005 (after dark, about 45 minutes after sunset)**.

Traditionally, the house is searched with a candle to light the way, a feather to sweep up any bits or crumbs of *chometz*, and a wooden spoon into which the crumbs are swept so they can be deposited into a paper bag.

When starting the search, the following blessing is recited: *Baruch Atah Adonai Elo-heinu Melech Ha'Olam asher kideshanu bemitzvotav v'tzivanu al biur chometz.*

In order to have challah for Friday night and Saturday morning (Kabalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning), at least three challahs should be saved in a pre-specified location in the house.

After the search, recite the paragraph *Kol Chamira* (found in the Hagaddah).

How to Burn the Chometz?

On Friday, April 22nd, 2005 all the *Chometz* that was found during the search on Thursday night (except the challahs kept for Shabbat!) should be burned by **11:25am. Unlike other years, we do not recite the paragraph *Kol Chamira*** after burning the *chometz* because we still intend to eat the challah's saved for Friday night and Saturday morning. Instead, we recite this paragraph on Saturday morning after disposing of the crumbs left over from eating the last of the challah. Many people go to the fire station on Chestnut Hill Ave. in Brighton for this mitzvah. You may want to bring a Siddur in order to be able to recite the correct prayer as you burn your chometz.

But I Can't Burn Chometz on Shabbat! Help!!

We must burn it on Friday! Chometz may be burned until 11:25am on Friday, April 22nd.

With no more Chometz in my House before Shabbos begins, How can I say Hamotzee?

Honor the Shabbat with the regular, obligatory blessing over real bread. Although you clean for Pesach before Shabbat, & although you will burn your chometz before Shabbat (because you can't burn on Shabbat), you should still keep at least 3 regular bread rolls for Shabbat (or loaves of challah, depending on what you will actually eat).

How about I make Hamotzee on Matzah, to avoid Chometz in the House?! No, the Rabbis tell us that we are not to eat any matzah until the Seder on Saturday night. (It would spoil the fun!)

What will be Different about Shabbat Kiddush?

Use kosher-for-Pesach wine for Kiddush. Most wine is kosher for Pesach year round, but it's best to make sure.

How are the Shabbat Meals Different?

The Shabbat meals will be very different. Both Shabbat meal should be completely kosher-for-Pesach, since you have already done your cleaning, and there is no chometz in your home. In fact, the chometz in your home (including on any pots and pans) will have been sold, so it does not belong to you, and therefore you cannot use it. Also, the "Saturday" Shabbat meal must begin very early. Although the meal is kosher-for-Pesach and can continue later, **the bread itself must be eaten before 10:21am!**
(For this reason, our Shacharit service begins at 6:30am -- Sharp)

What is different about the Schedule at Shul?

Shabbat morning service on April 23 begins at 6:30 AM, and we must have a minyan on time. We daven so early because it is also Eruv Pesach, and we need to finish our bread before 10:21am.

Will the Shabbat Bread get Crumbs in my House?

Wrap your Shabbat bread in a flushable paper towel, because you don't want to keep the paper towel afterwards, since it will have bread in it, and you cannot burn anything on Shabbat, as you normally would. **You must flush chometz before 11:24am on Shabbat.** After the meal, wash your mouth out thoroughly, so that you do not get into Pesach with chometz in your teeth!



When do I Light my Candles for Pesach?

Light your candles for Pesach on Saturday night, April 23rd, after 8:21pm, with the following blessings:

1. (Because it's a holiday) *Baruch Atah Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-tav Ve-tzi-vanu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Yom Tov.* **AND THEN** 2. (Because it's the first day of the holiday) *Baruch Atah Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam She-heh-che-yan-nu Ve-ki-ye-ma-nu Ve-he-ge-ah-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.*

Consult your Hagadah for instructions on including havdalah at the start of the seder.

On Sunday night, the second seder starts with candle lighting at 8:23pm.

How about a Pesach Apple Kugel Recipe ?

- 5 Eggs separated
- 5 Yellow apples; peeled, (up to 6)
- 1/2 c Sugar
- 1 Lemon; (3 tablespoons), juice of
- 4 tb Potato starch
- 1/2 c Chopped nuts; (optional)

Beat egg whites until stiff. Grate apples on large holes of grater. Beat egg yolks with remaining ingredients. Mix in apples. Fold in egg whites. Bake in greased 8"x8" pan at 350* for 1 hour.

Just Fruit Recipes is located at www.justfruitrecipes.com

Which Days are Non-Work Days?

Work is prohibited from the start of Shabbat (7:16pm Friday night, April 22nd), through all of Sunday and ending Monday night (April 23rd, at 8:24pm).

We are encouraged to take it easy during the intermediate days.

Then work is again prohibited on April 29th, Friday night beginning at candle lighting (7:24pm) for Shabbat, through Sunday night, May 1st, when Pesach ends at 8:32pm.



CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CHOMETZ

Since it's prohibited to possess Chometz on Passover, we must sell to a non-Jew all Chometz that will not be eaten or burned and all Chometz utensils that were thoroughly cleaned before Passover. These are stored away in closets or rooms while preparing for Passover. These closets/rooms will be leased to the non-Jew at the time of the sale. Since there are many legal intricacies in this sale, only a competent Rabbi should be entrusted with its execution. The Rabbi acts as our agent both to sell the Chometz on the morning before Passover starts, and then to buy it back on the evening after Passover ends. Please fill out this form for selling the Chometz, cut it out, and mail it to Rabbi Zalman Gorkow, 46 Court Street, Newton, MA 02458. Or fax it to 617-244-4667. (Must be received by Thursday, April 21st.)

I/We _____ hereby authorize Rabbi Zalman Gorkow to dispose of all Chometz that may be in my/our possession wherever it may be at my/our home, at my/our business or any other place in this world, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law as incorporated in the special contract for the sale of Chometz.

Residence Address: _____ Apt: _____

City/Town: _____

Business Address: _____ Suite: _____

City/Town: _____

Must be signed by head of household and preferably by all parties.

Chometz will be sold as of Friday, April 22nd at 11:33am. All Chometz – except for minimal amounts of food set aside for Shabbat – must be set aside and stored away by this time. All Chometz that was left for Shabbat must be stored away (or flushed) by Saturday, April 23rd at 11:33am.

All eating of Chometz must cease by Saturday, April 23rd at 10:25am.

All Chometz will be repurchased and available for use after Passover as of Sunday, May 1st at 8:30pm.

WISHING YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS A HAPPY & KOSHER PASSOVER



Wishing You & Yours a Happy Pesach

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