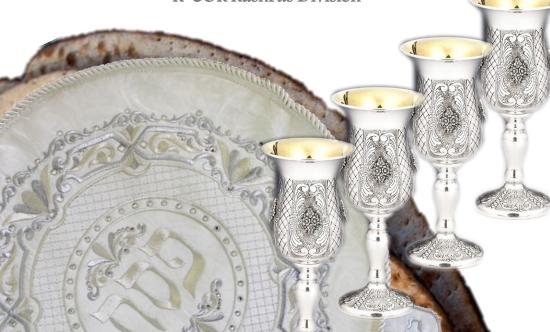


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#### **Reminders**

- Eruv Tavshillin should be made on Wednesday, April 5.
- Customers of product subscription services such as Amazon Subscribe & Save are reminded to cancel or reschedule chometz product deliveries that would otherwise occur on (or shortly prior to) Pesach.
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| Wednesday, April 5  | Oak Park & Southfield | West Bloomfield  |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| Latest time to <b>eat</b> chometz*  Magen Avraham (72 min.)               | 11:02am               | 11:03am          |
| Latest time to <b>burn</b> chometz*<br>Magen Avraham (72 min.)            | 12:19pm               | 12:20pm          |
| ***Eruv Tavshilin***  |                       |                  |
| Yom Tov Begins  | 7:45pm                | 7:45pm           |
| Chatzos   | 1:35am                | 1:35am           |
| Thursday Night, April 6   |                       |                  |
| Licht Bentchen* – 50 min. – <u>aft</u><br>R' Tam – 72 min. – <u>aft</u>   |                       | 8:54pm<br>9:16pm |
| Chatzos   | 1:35am                | 1:36am           |
| Friday , April 7  |                       |                  |
| Licht Bentchen  | 7:47pm                | 7:48pm           |
| Motzaei Shabbos, April 8  | 3                     |                  |
| Havdalah* – 50 minutes – <u>afte</u>                                      |                       | 8:57pm           |
| R' Tam – 72 min – <u>after</u>  | <u>:</u> 9:18pm       | 9:19pm           |
| Tuesday, April 11   |                       |                  |
| Yom Tov Begins  | 7:51pm                | 7:52pm           |
| Wednesday Night, April  |                       |                  |
| Licht Bentchen* – 50 min. – <u>afte</u><br>R' Tam – 72 min. – <u>afte</u> |                       | 9:01pm<br>9:23pm |
|   |                       | r                |
| Thursday Night, April 13 Havdalah* – 50 minutes – afte                    | <b>r</b> : 9:02pm     | 9:02pm           |
| R' Tam – 72 min – after   |                       | 9:24pm           |
|   |                       |                  |

<sup>\*</sup>There are various opinions.



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Dear Community Member,

On behalf of the Vaad Harabbonim - Council of Orthodox Rabbi Elimelech Silberberg Rabbis of Greater Detroit, we are pleased to present the annual PesachGram publication.

> Each year, the K-COR Kashrus Division of the Vaad strives to gather and present the most up-to-date kashrus information available. For further questions, call (248) 559-5005 x103.

> Many thanks go to Rabbi Beryl Broyde, Kashrus Coordinator, who extends himself above and beyond the call of duty to compile and edit the kashrus information in this PesachGram.

> Our gratitude also extends to Rabbi Yosef Krupnik, Kashrus Administrator, for his dedication to kashrus oversight of the many establishments under the Vaad's supervision.

> The K-COR is honored to welcome Rabbi Chananiah Douek to its Kashrus division. Rabbi Douek is sure to be a wonderful asset to the K-COR, and we wish him much hatzlacha.

> Special thanks to Ray Asher Eisenberger, for reviewing various halachic sections in this guide, and for his invaluable insights.

> Finally, we wish to thank the advertising sponsors who helped to reduce the cost of publishing this year's PesachGram.

> We hope that you find this packet useful, and we wish you a Chag Kasher v'Somayach.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Moshe Wainkrantz

Menahel

Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Greater Detroit



## Year Round Reminders



The Vaad would like to remind members of the community of some points that kosher consumers should be aware of throughout the year.

DON'T ASSUME THAT IT'S PAREVE Any food that is prepared in a meat establishment should be assumed to have been made with meat equipment and may not be eaten with dairy, and food prepared in a dairy kitchen should be considered DE and may not be eaten with meat (unless otherwise noted, such as Jerusalem bagels). In addition to the concern of keilim, many seemingly Pareve dishes are actual fleishig or milchig. For example, deep fried foods from a meat kitchen are considered fleishig, and require waiting six hours before eating dairy (unless otherwise noted, such as in a restaurant that serves those same fries with fish, in which case the fries are meat equipment only).

➤ PACKAGED FOODS Packaged foods sold in Vaad restaurants or supermarkets are not certified by the Vaad unless specified. Consumers should always look for a reliable hechsher on every packaged product.

➤ KOSHER SEALS Generally speaking, any food item which is entrusted or sent in the hands of a non-Shomer-Shabbos requires one or two seals (depending on the nature of the concern) to ensure that the item was not exchanged. When a Vaad establishment arranges a delivery through someone who is not Shomer Shabbos, the establishment is instructed to seal the food with the required simanim. However, foods prepared for pickup or for a delivery through a Shomer Shabbos, will not necessarily bear simanim. Therefore, if a consumer plans to have a non Shomer Shabbos pick up or receive the food, a request should be made that the item be properly sealed when placing the order.

When food delivery services such as DoorDash, GrubHub, or UberEats are used to place an order, the restaurant is not always aware of the arrangement. Therefore, when using these services, one should always contact the restaurant directly to request proper seals.

▶IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! While the Vaad mashgichim do their utmost to keep a close eye on the kashrus and immediately address any problems, it is possible that a problem may have been missed. If you see something that does not look right, please contact us right away, so that we can investigate and take corrective action if needed.



#### By Rabbi Eli Gersten

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**Gas Stovetop Libun (burning) & Cover:** The stovetop surface and grates should be cleaned well and not used for 24 hours. The stovetop surface should be covered with foil. The stovetop grates can be replaced or they should be burned out in the oven @ 550° F for one hour.

**Electric Stovetop Libun (burning) & Cover:** The stovetop surface should be cleaned well and covered with foil. The burners should be turned on until they glow red.

Glass stovetop cannot be kashered & must be covered. The stovetop surface should be cleaned well and not used for 24 hours. During Pesach pots should not be placed directly on the stove surface, but rather an aluminum (or other metal) disk should be placed directly under the pot. One should not cover the entire glass top surface as this might cause it to overheat and crack.

**Self-clean Ovens Libun (burning):** Remove any visible food. Complete self-cleaning cycle with racks in place.

Non-self-cleaning Oven Libun (burning): Clean all surfaces (walls, floor, doors and racks) thoroughly with a caustic cleanser (e.g. Easy Off). Pay special attention to thermostat, oven window, and edges of the oven chamber. Black discoloration that is flush with the metal need not be removed. Oven should not be used for 24 hours. Place racks in the oven and turn the oven to broil (highest heat) for 60 minutes. A broiler pan that comes in direct contact with food should not be used.

#### **KASHERING PROCEDURES**

#### LIBUN GAMUR (Burning)

Surface must be heated to a dry temperature of approximately 850° (i.e. self-clean oven) or until it begins to glow.

#### LIBUN KAL (Light Burning)

Surface should be completely cleaned and unused for 24 hours. Surface should be completely clean and dry. Surface should be heated to a dry temperature of 550° F (i.e. oven) for a minimum of one hour.

#### HAGALAH (Boiling)

Surface should be completely cleaned and unused for 24 hours. Surface should be completely clean and dry. The utensil should be completely submerged in a pot of boiling water. Cold water should be poured over surface.

#### IRUY KLI RISHON (Poured Boiling Water)

Surface should be completely cleaned and unused for 24 hours. Surface should be completely clean and dry. Boiling water should be poured directly over all surfaces followed by cold water poured over the entire surface.

Note: The method of kashering described above is based on the ruling of Rav Aharon Kotler zt'l. However, Rav Moshe Feinstein zt'l ruled that the oven must either be kashered with a blow torch, or an insert should be placed in the oven. Consult your rabbi for guidance.

Warming Drawers Libun (burning): Typically warming drawers do not get to libun kal temperature. Therefore, unless one is experienced in kashering with a torch, warming drawers are not recommended for use on Pesach.

Microwaves Hagalah (boiling in water) (for those who kasher plastic): The microwave must be cleaned well and not used for 24 hours. Glass turntable should be removed and replaced with new kosher for Passover surface. A styrofoam cup should be filled with water and boiled in the microwave for 10 minutes. The cup should be refilled and moved to another spot and the process repeated for 10 more minutes. Cardboard or contact paper should be taped over the glass window pane for the duration of Passover.

Hot Water Urn, Water Cooler Iruy (pouring boiling water): Urn only used for heating water: Run hot water through the water tap for 10 seconds, while pouring boiling water from a kettle over the water tap. Urn also used to warm food (e.g. to warm challah): Not recommended. Must be put away for the holiday.

Keurig Coffee Maker Hagalah or Iruy (pouring boiling water) (for those who kasher plastic): The coffee maker must be cleaned well and not used for 24 hours. Remove K-cup holder and perform hagalah or iruy on K-cup holder. Run a Kosher for Passover K-cup in the machine (this will kasher the top pin).

Metal Tea Kettle Hagalah (boiling in water): The same treatment as for pots applies here. Although it is uncommon for anything but water to be put into a tea kettle, nevertheless it must be kashered. Tea kettles often sit on the stove, and it is common for them to get spritzed with hot food.

#### Silverware, Pots & other Small Items Hagalah (boiling in water):

Rolled lips, seams or cracks, which cannot be cleaned, will require torching of those areas. Utensils should be immersed one at a time into a pot of boiling water that is on the fire. Water should be allowed to return to a boil before the next item is placed in the pot. The pot can be non-Passover, provided it is clean, has not been used for 24 hours, and water is first boiled in the pot and discarded. Larger items can be submerged in the water one part at a time. Utensils should then be rinsed in cold water.

Stainless Steel Sink Iruy (pouring boiling water): Remove drain. recommended that the drain be replaced. If this is difficult, it may be used if the drain has large holes that can completely scrubbed clean]. lt is preferable to kasher a sink by pouring boiling water in conjunction with an even melubenet (a heated stone). In lieu of kashering with a heated stone, some will place a rack on the bottom of the sink, or use a sink insert.

**Ceramic Sink Cannot be kashered & must be covered:** The sink should not be used with hot water for 24 hours. The sink should be completely clean and dry. The sink should be covered with layers of contact paper or foil; it is best to purchase a sink insert.

The Sink Faucet (including instant hot) Iruy (pouring boiling water): Detach any filters or nozzles.

Stainless Steel, Granite, Composite Stone (e.g. quartz) or Formica Countertops Iruy (pouring boiling water) or Covering: It is preferable to kasher a countertop by pouring boiling water in conjunction with an even melubenet. There are different opinions as to whether quartz, formica (or plastic) countertops can be kashered for Pesach.

#### Ceramic Tile Countertops Cannot be kashered & must be covered:

The counter should be covered with a water-resistant covering.

**Tables Covered:** Although wooden tables can be kashered, the common custom is to clean tables well and then cover them.

Refrigerators, Freezers, Food Shelves & Pantries Clean & Cover: These areas should be thoroughly cleaned, paying special attention to the edges where crumbs may get trapped. The surfaces should be lined with paper or plastic.

Note: Refrigerators and freezers will operate more efficiently if holes are poked in the lining to allow air flow.

Tablecloths, Kitchen Gloves, Aprons & other fabric items: Wash: Fabric items can be kashered by washing them with detergent in washing machine set on "hot." Items should be checked to make sure no pieces of food remain attached.

Water Cooler: In addition to pouring boiling water over tap, replace water bottle.

**Dishwashers Hagalah (boiling in water):** Kashering of dishwashers is a complicated process and should only be done in consultation with a halachic authority.

Electric Mixer: Not recommended: Because of the difficulty in cleaning out the housing of the mixer from fine particles of flour, one should not use their year-round mixer on Passover. The mixer blades, though, can be cleaned and kashered with hagalah.

**Baby High Chair Covered:** The tray should be covered with contact paper. The seat, legs and bars should be wiped down with a soapy rag.





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#### **CHOMETZ FOUND ON PESACH**

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hometz that is found on Erev Pesach after the zman biur, or on Chol hamoed, must be immediately removed to an area where there are no people around<sup>1</sup>, and destroyed, preferably by burning it in fire. (See below whether this applies when all of one's chometz was sold).

If the chometz was in the owner's possession before Pesach and the owner had nullified this chometz by reciting Kol Chamira on Erev Pesach, or if he sold all of his chometz, he should not make a bracha when burning the chometz. If the owner did not say Kol Chamira on Erev Pesach, and he did not sell all of his chometz; or, if the found chometz was purchased after the time of the sale and the bitul, and he is now burning a kezayis of "pure" chometz, the bracha of Al Biur Chometz is recited<sup>2</sup>.

#### CHOMETZ FOUND ON SHABBOS AND YOM TOV

If the chometz was found on Shabbos or Yom Tov, the chometz cannot be immediately burned for two reasons. One reason is that it is forbidden to burn anything on Shabbos. Even on Yom Tov, when cooking is allowed, it is nonetheless forbidden to burn something for no personal benefit<sup>3</sup>. An additional reason why it cannot be disposed of is because chometz is muktzeh and may not be moved on Shabbos and Yom Tov. Instead, one should cover the chometz with a utensil so that it will not accidentally be eaten, and keep it covered until the first opportunity to properly destroy it.

This is true regarding the first and second day of Yom Tov (of both, the first days and the last days) – only if the chometz was in the owner's possession before Pesach and the owner had nullified his chometz by reciting Kol Chamira on Erev Pesach, or if he sold all of his chometz. However, if one forgot to recite Kol Chamira on Erev Pesach and did not sell all of his chometz; or, if the found chometz was purchased after the time of the sale and the bitul, then the halacha is different for one who found a kezayis of chometz on the **second** day of Yom Tov, which is only rabbinic in nature<sup>4</sup>. Since this involves a transgression of Bal Yeiro'eh/Bal Yimotzei, one should take the chometz and destroy it by flushing it down the toilet. Similarly, if a kezayis of chometz was found on the first day of Yom Tov and was covered, and the owner did not sell or nullify the chometz, the chometz should be flushed down the toilet on the second day of Yom Tov<sup>5</sup>.

#### WHEN ALL CHOMETZ WAS SOLD TO A NON-JEW

The question is whether the requirement to destroy this chometz applies to our communities, where the custom is to include all chometz in the sale to the non-Jew, regardless of its location. If one sold all one's chometz, the chometz found on Pesach belongs to the non-Jew and should not need to be destroyed. In fact, taking the chometz to destroy it makes matters worse. For as long as the chometz remains the non-Jew's property there is no transgression. But when the Jew picks up the chometz with the intent to destroy it, it is theft and he then acquires the chometz<sup>6</sup> and is in violation of Bal Yeiro'eh/Bal Yimotzei. Therefore, one should move the chometz to the closed area where all of the sold chometz is stored. If found on Shabbos or Yom Tov, the chometz should be covered with a utensil until after Shabbos or Yom Tov, and should then be moved to the closed area where the sold chometz is stored.

It should be noted that when moving the chometz in this case, where it is not for the purpose of destroying the chometz, the chometz may not be handled with one's hands out of concern that one may inadvertently eat the chometz. Only when moving the chometz for the purpose of destroying it, is one allowed to move it with one's hands. However, when moving it to transfer it to the non-Jew's domain, one should use a stick to push it into the closed area where the sold chometz is stored.

Some poskim suggest, however, that even when all the chometz was sold, the chometz found on Pesach should still be destroyed. The reason for this is because the non-Jew surely does not mind if the Jew burns this chometz, and it is not considered theft and there is no acquisition taking place when taking the chometz to destroy it<sup>9</sup>.

#### **CHOMETZ DELIVERIES ON PESACH**

If a package containing chometz arrives at one's property on Pesach, one should have specific intent not to acquire it. Even with such intent, the chometz may not be left there as is. On Shabbos and Yom Tov, it should be covered with a utensil, and on Chol Hamoed, it should be destroyed. Even if all of one's chometz was sold before Pesach, chometz purchased or acquired on Pesach is not included in the sale and must be destroyed. Customers of product subscription services such as Amazon Subscribe & Save are reminded to cancel or reschedule chometz product deliveries that would otherwise occur on (or shortly prior to) Pesach.

#### **CHOMETZ FOUND AFTER PESACH**

Chometz found after Pesach, or chometz that was found on seventh or eighth day of Pesach, and was covered for the remainder of the Yom Tov, remains forbidden even after Pesach. Even if Kol Chamira was recited, the chometz remains forbidden and must be disposed of without deriving any benefit<sup>10</sup>. In a case of great financial loss, if one has properly performed the bedikah and the bitul before Pesach, one may derive benefit from the found chometz, but it may not be eaten<sup>11</sup>.

If all of one's chometz was sold, and the chometz was in the owner's possession at the time of the sale, the chometz found after Pesach is permitted to be eaten<sup>12</sup>.

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  - 5) מ"ב שם סק"ח
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#### **General Information**

#### EACH INDIVIDUAL LABEL SHOULD ALWAYS BE CHECKED FOR PESACH CERTIFICATION.

Consumers are cautioned not to take for granted that a product is Kosher for Pesach simply because it is in the Kosher for Pesach section of their store, or because a "Kosher for Pesach" sign is posted. Each year there are numerous instances, even in Jewish stores, of non-Pesach products mistakenly being mixed in with Pesach products, usually because their labels are almost identical. This occurs frequently with Telma soup mixes and cubes, Lieber's dressings and Coat 'n Bake coatings, various brands of frozen gefilte fish, chopped liver and kishke, and Osem, Gefen, Haddar, Manischewitz, Empire and other brands of products that have both Pesach and non-Pesach versions of the same products with similar labels. Products on Pesach shelves should be examined before they are placed in your shopping cart to determine that they are indeed Kosher for Pesach. Check also for possible Kitniyos or Matzoh Ashira [Egg Matzoh] status.

Store owners, likewise, should not take for granted that everything received in their Pesach shipment, even from a Jewish distributor, is indeed Pesach certified; non-Pesach products are often mistakenly mixed in. There have also been instances where the outsides of cases were marked Kosher for Pesach, but the products inside were not. Each individual item must always be checked for Pesach certification.

#### **Multiple Certifications**

Some brands, e.g. Osem, do not bear the same certification on all of their products. Each product should be checked for a reliable certification. - In addition, some brands, especially those from Israel, bear more than one certification on a single package, but not all those certifications include approval for Pesach. In particular, the Badatz of Eida Hachareidis symbol often states specifically that its endorsement does <u>not</u> include Pesach. All products should be carefully examined for a reliable <u>Pesach</u> endorsement. - Some products bear a non-Pesach certification printed on the label, and have an added stamp (often on the lid) saying Kosher for Pesach, but with no identification of the certifying organization. These should not be relied upon without confirmation of their Pesach status.

#### **Medications on Pesach**

Important - No one should refrain from taking any required medication, even if it contains chometz, without first consulting his physician and Rav.

A discussion of medications begins on page 28, followed by a list of medications, cosmetics, and toiletries that are acceptable for Pesach.

#### **Kitniyos**

Kitniyos (legumes) such as corn, beans, peas and rice, may not be eaten by Ashkenazim on Pesach. Sefardim who use these products must ascertain that they contain no additives (such as vitamins), and must carefully check them before Pesach for extraneous matter. - There are a number of "Kosher for Pesach" products on the market that contain kitniyos, and are acceptable only for Sephardim. Many of these products will state on the label (often in Hebrew) that the item is to be used only by those whose custom allows for the use of kitniyos. - Sefardim should verify that a reliable certification endorses the kitniyos product for Pesach. Products that state just "Kosher for Pesach - Kitniyos" without identification of the certifying organization should not be relied upon. - The OU and the Star-K have introduced special Pesach certification symbols for products containing kitniyos (OU Kitniyot, as on Osem Bamba snacks, and Star-S-P Kitniyot, as on Yerek frozen beans, peas and corn), for those who eat kitniyos. - Locally, The Grove Kosher Market has a separate marked section for Kitniyos products.

#### Partial Listing of Kitniyos and Other Products Customarily Not Eaten on Pesach

| Anise*        | Cumin*               | Kimmel*     | Rice                |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Beans         | Dextrose (outside    | Lecithin    | Sesame Seeds        |
| Canola Oil    | U.S. may be chometz) | Millet      | Soy Beans           |
| Caraway Seeds | Fennel*              | Mustard     | String Beans        |
| Chickpeas     | Fenugreek*           | Peanuts     | Sunflower Seeds     |
| Coriander*    | Green Beans          | Peas        | Tofu                |
| Corn (maize)  | Kasha (buckwheat)    | Poppy Seeds | * Differing customs |

#### **Kitniyos Derivatives**

Those who follow the prevalent custom of not using any derivatives of kitniyos (legumes) on Pesach, such as corn oil, corn syrup, dextrose, soybean oil and lecithin, should be aware that some products with Kosher for Pesach certifications do contain one or more of these ingredients. This applies especially to imported candies and chocolates. A careful check of the ingredients should be made. (Lecithin is sometimes listed just as "emulsifier", and corn syrup as "glucose". However, if the product bears a reliable Ashkenazi certification, one can be confident that the emulsifier or glucose listed is from non-kitniyos sources.)

#### Quinoa

Quinoa is subject to differing opinions as to whether it is considered kitniyos; consult your Rav. Those who do use quinoa should use only brands with Pesach certification or approval, to avoid the issues of other grains growing in close proximity, and contact with other grains during processing. Quinoa also needs to be checked carefully for insect infestation. (See checking instructions at https://www.star-k.org/checking)



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#### **Egg Matzoh**

Matzoh made with fruit juice or eggs, which includes "Kosher for Passover" Egg Matzohs, Egg Matzoh Crackers and Passover Tam Tams (formerly called Egg Tam Tams) Crackers, may not be eaten on Pesach, according to Ashkenazic practice, except by the sick or elderly who cannot eat regular matzoh. Most brands now state this restriction clearly in English on the package. Please note that even the sick and elderly cannot fulfill the obligation to eat matzoh at the Seder with these types of matzohs.

#### **Peeled or Shredded Vegetables & Fruit**

Peeled potatoes, peeled carrots (including baby carrots), peeled apples, shredded lettuce or cabbage, etc. are often treated with antioxidants to keep them looking fresh. We have found that many of these antioxidants, in particular the nonsulfite types, contain ingredients that may not be Kosher for Pesach, such as dextrose, citric acid, ascorbic acid, lactic acid and others. One unusual type that was once found on peeled potatoes also contained lactose, a dairy ingredient. The produce company should be contacted to determine the antioxidant used and its Kashrus status.

#### **Frozen Vegetables**

Frozen vegetables require special Pesach certification because many frozen vegetable plants process pasta, macaroni, breaded vegetables, etc. on the same equipment as plain vegetables.

#### **Pesach Stickers**

If a product bears Pesach certification on an attached sticker, rather than being printed on the label itself, it is advisable to contact the supervising agency to verify that it authorized the placement of the sticker.

#### **Pet Food**

Many commercial pet foods contain actual chometz and may not be used on Pesach, and should be sold and put away with the chometz. Check ingredient labels for wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt, flour, gluten, middlings, starch, brewer's yeast, malt, or pasta. Non-chometz substitutes should be used. Pet food listing both milk and beef ingredients should not be used the entire year.

## Products Which May Be Used for Pesach Without Special Kosher for Pesach Certification

(except where noted otherwise)

A new box, can or jar should be used where an old one may have come into contact with chometz.

These are very partial lists, for Pesach **5783 / 2023 only**. The omission of any specific brand or product does not necessarily imply that it contains chometz or that it is not permissible for use on Pesach.

This list refers only to **U.S.-manufactured products**. Products manufactured in other countries, including Canada, even with the same brand names, may have different formulations.

\*\* Products that are marked with asterisks: These products are not certified for Pesach by the OU. Nonetheless, the OU has identified these products as Halachically acceptable for infants and those who are ill. They should be purchased before Pesach and should be maintained segregated from Pesach foods, and their utensils should not be washed in a Pesach sink.

ALCOHOL: Isopropyl

ALMONDS: See NUTS.

ALMOND FLOUR: Gefen with OU-P, Lieber's with Pesach certification; Kirkland Signature Blanched Almond Flour with Kof-K or K-ORC symbol (no P required); Blue Diamond with OK (no P required).

ALMOND MILK: Lieber's
Almond Milk Alternative,
only when bearing Pesach
certification; Gefen Almond
Beverage with OU-P. If
these are not available, the
following OU brand may be
used on Pesach for infants
and those who are ill\*\*:
Almond Breeze Original only in shelf stable nonrefrigerated container.

ALUMINUM FOIL - Also, Reynolds Non-Stick Aluminum Foil - OU, Reynolds Non-Stick Grill Foil - OU.

#### **AMMONIA**

**BABY FOOD:** First Choice with OU-P (applesauce, carrots, pears, sweet potatoes). **Note**: No Gerber baby foods are approved for Pesach.

BABY FORMULA: Enfamil, Gerber Good Start, Isomil, Kirkland Signature, Meijer Baby, Nestle Good Start, Simalac, Target, all with OU. Also many more brands listed in the OU Pesach Guide. All contain kitniyos.\*\*

BABY POWDER may be

used for Pesach if the ingredients list only talc, talcum powder, corn starch, or other innocuous ingredients. Be alert for oat flour or oat starch, which are listed in some baby powders.

BABY WIPES without alcohol; Baby Spritz Baby Wipe Alternative, Johnson's Baby Wash -Honey Apple, Johnson's Baby Oil, Johnson's Baby Lotion.

**BAKING SODA** (<u>Note</u>: Baking <u>powder</u> requires Pesach certification.)

**BLEACH** 

CLEANSERS: Ajax, Clorox, Fantastik, Lysol, Mr. Clean, Murphy Oil, Pine-Sol Original, Soft Scrub, Windex.

**COCOA:** Hershey's Cocoa "Natural Unsweetened". (Not Hershey's Cocoa "Special Dark".)

COCONUT MILK: Lieber's Organic Coconut Milk in Original and Light varieties, only when bearing Pesach certification.

COCONUT OIL: Kirkland
Signature Organic Virgin
Coconut Oil - Product of
Philippines - with Star-K
symbol, and many brands
of Virgin Coconut Oil listed
in the OU Pesach Guide.

#### COFFEE, GROUND & INSTANT - unflavored:

[Note: Liquid Concentrated Coffee requires special Pesach certification.]

Regular and decaffeinated: Folgers unflavored ground and instant with a plain OU, and the following brands with an OK-P on the label - Maxwell House, Sanka, Yuban.

Regular only (not decaffeinated): Taster's Choice House Blend, Taster's Choice French Roast, and Taster's Choice 100% Columbian unflavored instant with a plain OU; VIA unflavored. — Also many more brands of ground coffee listed in the OU Pesach Guide.

K-Cup coffees: Green
Mountain, Eight O'Clock,
Kirkland Signature and
Starbucks brands of
unflavored and not
decaffeinated K-Cups with a
plain OU may be used for
Pesach. - Also many more
brands listed in the OU
Pesach Guide.

#### CONTACT LENS FLUID

#### **CROCKPOT LINERS**

CUPCAKE HOLDERS (baking cups) – Paper: Paperchef - Star-K, and Reynolds – OU may be used for Pesach (no P required). Foil: do not require certification for year round or Pesach.

#### Cascade powder and gel, Palmolive Eco+ gel.

**DISHWASHING LIQUID:** Ajax, Dawn, Ivory, Joy, Palmolive.

**EGGS:** should be purchased before Pesach. (The Grove buys all its eggs for Pesach in advance, so they may be purchased on Pesach.)

#### **FABRIC SOFTENER**

fish, FROZEN RAW: Frozen fish need to be investigated for Pesach to determine if chometz products are processed in the area, or if a corn starch / corn syrup glaze is used. The following brands of plain unseasoned, raw frozen fish may be used for Pesach without special Pesach marking:

Costco: Kirkland Signature Farm Raised Atlantic Salmon with 4% salt and water solution – OU, Kirkland Signature Farm Raised Tilapia Loins – OU.

Sam's Club: Member's Mark Atlantic Salmon Fillet Portions - Kof-K - Product of Chile.

<u>BJ's</u>: Wellsley Farms Farm-Raised Atlantic Salmon-OU.

**FRUIT, FROZEN:** Plain frozen unsweetened fruit, with no syrup and no additives listed.

#### FRUIT & VEGETABLE WASH: STERILY brand with OU-P.

TSUNAMI 100 from Ecolab is cRc certified for Pesach; no symbol necessary. - Alternatively, one can use Pesach approved dishwashing liquid.

FIT brand - is not approved for Pesach. The listing on page 70 of the OU Pesach Guide refers only to Fit Cleaner & Degreaser.

<u>ENVIRONNE brand</u> - is <u>not</u> acceptable for Pesach.

**GLUE:** Elmer's Glue-All multipurpose glue, Elmer's All Purpose Glue Stick, Elmer's Washable No Run School <u>Glue</u>. (Not Elmer's Washable School <u>Paste</u> or No Wrinkle Glue Pens.)

**HONEY** requires Pesach certification.

#### **HYDROGEN PEROXIDE**

ICE (in bags): from plain water (any brand).

JUICE: Frozen concentrated unsweetened orange juice and grapefruit juice with no additives listed.

#### LAUNDRY DETRGENT

**LEMON JUICE, LIME JUICE:** ReaLemon with OU, Real ime with OU.

#### MEAT:

Not ground: Raw, unprocessed meat from **Superior Kosher Meats** (Southfield, MI), and raw, unprocessed meat in the original manufacturer's packaging from Aaron's Best/Agri Star, Meal Mart/Alle Processing, and Solomon's Glatt Kosher may be used for Pesach without special Pesach marking, with the exception of Solomon's Stew Meat, that requires Pesach marking.

#### Ground meat and patties:

Superior Kosher Meats: may be used without Pesach marking. Aaron's Best/Agri Star: may be used without Pesach marking. Meal Mart/Alle Processing: requires Pesach marking. Solomon's Glatt Kosher:

requires Pesach marking.

Processed items, such as corned beef, pastrami, etc., and Meal Mart broiled beef liver or broiled chicken liver. require Pesach marking.

#### MINERAL OIL

**NUTS:** Commercially packaged raw (including steam pasteurized, but not blanched) almonds [whole, sliced, or slivered], cashews, filberts or walnuts (shelled or unshelled, including chopped, but not ground) without any additives or preservatives (such as BHA or BHT). However, if the label states that wheat is present in the same facility, then Pesach certification is recommended. Note: Shelled pecans, even raw, require Pesach certification, due to the possibility of alcohol used in the processing. Pecans in the shell do not have this concern. - All ground nuts require Pesach certification.

**OLIVE OIL** (unflavored, with no additives listed): Bertolli, Colavita and Filippo Berio brands of Extra Virgin with OU, Pompeian Extra Virgin with SALT: Any non-iodized OU Star-K, and many other brands listed in OU and Star-K Pesach Guides.

**OVEN BAGS:** Reynolds – OU.

#### **OVEN CLEANERS**

**PARCHMENT PAPER:** Great Value, Meijer, Member's Mark, Our Family, Up&Up and Reynolds brands with OU, and many brands listed in Star-K Pesach Guide. [Note: Kirkland Signature brand bears Star-K P.] - Also, Reynolds **Cookie Baking Sheets** parchment paper - OU.

#### PLASTIC WRAP AND BAGS

#### PLATES & CUPS, **DISPOSABLE:** Pure plastic or styrofoam plates and

cups; Chinet (even without OK-P symbol).

RAISINS: Sun-Maid with OK-P, and the following brands with a plain OU (only if oil is not listed on the package): Champion, Dole, Food Lion, Great Value, Kroger, Trader Joe's, plus other brands listed in OU Pesach Guide.

**RICE MILK:** The following OU brand may be used on Pesach for infants and those who are ill\*\*: Rice Dream Classic Original only in shelf stable nonrefrigerated container.

brand not listing dextrose or polysorbate.

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SCOURING PADS: O-Cel-O Sponges, Scotch Brite scouring pads and soap pads, and any plain steel wool.

SELTZER (unflavored): There are differing Halachic opinions whether unflavored seltzer, containing only plain carbonated water with no added ingredients, requires Pesach certification due to the possible grain source of the carbon dioxide. Consult your Rav.

#### **SHOE POLISH**

**SILVER POLISH:** Goddard's, Hagerty, Weiman, Wrights.

soy MILK: The following OU brand may be used on Pesach for infants and those who are ill\*\*: Soy Dream Original Enriched only in shelf stable non-refrigerated container.

SPRAY STARCH: Niagara, Linit.

**STATIC GUARD** spray

sugar: Any pure white granulated sugar with no additives listed may be used for Pesach. For those who prefer Pesach certification, Domino sugar with OK-P is certified for Pesach. Note: Brown sugar and Confectioners / powdered sugar require Pesach certification.

TEA BAGS: - Regular [not herbal] tea bags with an OU that are unflavored and not decaffeinated, and have no additives, may be used for Pesach without special certification. Note: Lipton brand decaffeinated tea bags are no longer approved for Pesach.

WATER: Any unflavored, spring or distilled or purified bottled water with no additives listed may be used. (Note: 3 and 5 gallon reused containers from water delivery companies are not recommended for Pesach.) Water with added minerals (such as magnesium, potassium, calcium and sodium compounds) is generally acceptable if no flavors or vitamins are listed; e.g., Dasani, Glaceau Smartwater and Nestle Pure Life brands of unflavored purified water. However, water that lists calcium citrate, or any other type of citrate (sodium citrate, potassium citrate, etc.), or citric acid, or any type of lactate (zinc lactate, magnesium lactate, etc.) is not recommended for Pesach.

WAX PAPER: The following brands with an OU: Cut-Rite, HomeLife, Meijer, Reynolds, ShopRite.

#### \*\* Products that are marked with

asterisks: These products are not certified for Pesach by the OU. Nonetheless, the OU has identified these products as Halachically acceptable for infants and those who are ill. They should be purchased before Pesach and should be maintained segregated from Pesach foods, and their utensils should not be washed in a Pesach sink.



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#### **Product Alerts**

**LAMERS DAIRY CHOLOV YISROEL MILK and CHOCOLATE MILK** for Pesach can be identified by the letters KLP after the Sell By date. Lamers does not have special Pesach labels, and uses regular year-round labels that list vitamins in the ingredients, and corn starch in the chocolate milk, but these ingredients are not used for Pesach.

MA COHEN'S CREAMED FILLET OF HERRING - OU-D with Pesach marking is Cholov Yisroel, even though the label does not state so. However, the year round version of this product without Pesach marking is <u>not</u> Cholov Yisroel.

<u>PRE-WASHED PACKAGED ICEBERG LETTUCE SALAD and COLESLAW</u> require Pesach approval due to the citric or lactic acid that may be used in the washing process. All Star-K and OK certified brands, including Fresh Express, Dole, Kroger, Little Salad Bar [Aldi] and Marketplace [Walmart] require a P next to the Kosher symbol.

<u>JOYVA PRODUCTS</u> are Kof-K certified for year-round use, but <u>not</u> for Pesach, because they contain corn starch and corn syrup. They are therefore not recommended for Pesach, even when bearing the Passover marking of a different certification.

<u>SCHMERLING'S SUGARLESS AND NO SUGAR ADDED CHOCOLATES</u> are <u>not</u> Kosher for Pesach, and state so on their labels.

**NATURAL & KOSHER** brand cheeses are not all Kosher for Pesach. Check each package for Pesach certification.

**HAOLAM CHEESES**: A number of Haolam cheeses are not Kosher for Pesach, and state so clearly on their packaging. Check each product carefully for Pesach certification.

<u>MANISCHEWITZ WINES</u> are made in both year round and Pesach versions. The year round version bears a plain OU and states "Not for Passover use". The Pesach version bears OU-P. Stores often have a mixture of the two versions on the shelf, even of the same variety. Check each bottle carefully.

<u>HASHAHAR HA'OLE SPECIAL COCOA SPREAD</u>, product of Israel, is available in several versions - some pareve, some dairy (not Cholov Yisroel), and some Kosher for Pesach. Only the pareve type that bears an OU-P is certified for Pesach. Check each label carefully.

**ELI'S CHEESECAKE** products that are manufactured during Pesach are not acceptable, and will not bear the cRc symbol on their packaging. Consumers should check for the cRc when purchasing after Pesach.

"PLAY-DOH" and MODELING DOUGH contain chometz. FINGER PAINTS may contain chometz. CRAYOLA GLITTER DOTS and CRAYOLA EASY PEEL CRAYON PENCILS contain wheat flour. All should be sold and put away with the chometz.

<u>DISPOSABLE MEDICAL EXAM GLOVES:</u> Some brands contain oatmeal, and state so on the label. This includes even some that state "Powder Free"; e.g., Powder Free Nitrile Examination Gloves with Colloidal Oatmeal. These should be sold and put away with the chometz.

<u>POWDERED DISPOSABLE GLOVES</u> (e.g., latex and vinyl types) are usually powdered with corn starch, and should not be used in the kitchen or near food on Pesach.

**SEASON SARDINES, SPRATS and KIPPER SNACKS**: Due to past Covid-19 work and travel restrictions, some product in the market may not bear OU-P, but instead a plain OU, or no OU at all. Check each item carefully.

<u>PACKAGES OF THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS WITHOUT PESACH MARKING</u> were mistakenly placed in local stores' Pesach sections. Check every label of your purchases for Pesach marking:

- GOLDEN TASTE SUGAR FREE BEETS & HORSERADISH [The Grove]
- SEASON SKINLESS & BONELESS SARDINES IN OLIVE OIL [The Grove]
- PASKESZ REAL CHOCOLATE CHIPS [Kroger]

**NOAM frozen GOURMET GEFILTE FISH**'s non-Pesach product states "Chometz - Not for use on Passover" on the top label, but mistakenly states Kosher for Pesach on the bottom label. Noam's Pesach certified product states Kosher for Pesach on both labels.

<u>YARDEN frozen FAVA BEANS</u> mistakenly states (in Hebrew) Kosher l'Pesach "l'lo chashash kitniyos". This product is kitniyos, and should say "l'ochlei kitniyos" (only for those who eat kitniyos on Pesach).

<u>VISCOFAN VEGETARIAN CASINGS</u> made in the US for the meat industry are not currently OU certified for Pesach, and may contain kitniyos.

**SYSCO CANOLA SALAD OIL** mistakenly bears an OU-P on some cases. It is certified only for year round use. The individual containers correctly bear OU Pareve.

<u>SUN-MAID VANILLA YOGURT COVERED RAISINS</u>, in 5 oz. bags with 10 x .5 oz boxes per bag, mistakenly bears OK-P on the inside boxes. The outside bag correctly bears OK-D, and is certified Kosher Dairy.

**WEGMANS SEA SALT & PEPPER PISTACHIOS** mistakenly bears a P next to the OK symbol on some labels. This product is not certified for Pesach.

TOPS CHICKEN and BEEF ART. FLAVORED INSTANT BOUILLON and BOUILLON CUBES mistakenly bear an OK-P symbol. These products are certified Kosher Pareve, but not for Pesach.

#### THE FOLLOWING OU-P PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN RECALLED DUE TO INFESTATION:

- JASON GLUTEN FREE PLAIN PANKO CRUMBS with BB dates of DEC 20 2023 and AUG 04 2024
- LANDAU GLUTEN FREE PLAIN PANKO CRUMBS with lot codes 2241 through 2245

It is advisable to check cans with other dates/codes for signs of infestation in the product or for small holes at the bottom of the can.

The <u>OU PESACH GUIDE'S "YELLOW' SECTION</u> list, of products that do not require special Pesach marking, refers only to products bearing an OU symbol. Products not bearing an OU, even with the same brand names, are often produced by different manufacturers and may not be approved for Pesach. This is frequently the case with store brands / private label products.

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#### Medications, Cosmetics, and Toiletries

MEDICATIONS- Halachically, any pill or non-chewable tablet medication may be swallowed, regardless of its contents (this does not apply to vitamins). We list some chometz-free pills and tablet medications for the benefit of those who wish to be stringent and use only chometz-free products.

COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES – All non-food items not fit for canine consumption - nifsal mei'achilas kelev - may be used on Pesach. This includes all creams, ointments, lotions, body soaps, shampoos, conditioners and stick deodorants, regardless of their contents. Similarly, cosmetics such as nail polish, nail polish remover, mascara, eye shadow, eye liner, blush and rouge may be used on Pesach, regardless of their contents. This is also true of shoe polish, ink, paint, and air freshener. In all of these examples, any chometz would be inedible, even for a dog, and one may derive benefit from these products on Pesach (in conformance with the halachos of Yom Tov).

Items containing denatured alcohol which are in a pure liquid state should be sold with the chometz and not be used on Pesach, unless it is confirmed that they do not contain chometz. Some examples include cologne, perfume, hair spray, mousse, liquid deodorants, sunscreen and shaving lotion.

Mouthwash and toothpaste which contain chometz should not be used on Pesach. It is recommended to use a new and chometz-free lipstick for Pesach.

This is a very partial list, for Pesach 5783 / 2023 only. The omission of any specific brand or product does not necessarily imply that it contains chometz or that it is not permissible for use on Pesach. - This list refers only to products manufactured in the U.S. Products manufactured in other countries, including Canada, even with the same brand names, may have different formulations. - Most of the medications, cosmetics and toiletries listed are not under supervision and their listing here, taken primarily from Rabbi Bess' list and based on information from the manufacturer, pertains only to their lack of chometz, not to the general Kashrus of their ingredients. Many of the medications contain kitniyos, which is permissible when taken for medicinal purposes. – Many items are available from **Adwe Products** with Kosher for Pesach certification, and are certified free of chometz, kitniyos and animal derivatives.

An extensive coverage of medications, cosmetics and toiletries which are acceptable for Pesach, prepared by Rabbi Gershon Bess, is available from the Kollel Bais Avrohom of Los Angeles, and may be ordered by calling the Kollel at (323) 933-7193. It is also available locally at Borenstein's and Spitzer's Bookstores. Updates to the list will be posted at kehilasyaakov.org.

No one should refrain from taking any required medication, even if it contains chometz, without first consulting his physician and Rav.



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ALLERGY & COLD
MEDICINES: Allegra 12 Hr.
& 24 Hr. Adult tablets,
Benadryl Allergy Plus
Congestion chewable
tablets.

**ANALGESICS:** Advil tablets & caplets - only regular coated, not film-coated [check the upper right portion of the label for the words "FILM-COATED"]. Advil Children's Junior Strength Coated Tablets, Advil Children's Suspension - all flavors, Advil Infants' Drops -Grape; Aleve caplets, Bayer Regular and Extra Strength Aspirin, Bayer Low Dose and Low Dose Chewable Aspirin; Kosher-Meds Children's Ibuprofen Suspension - Berry Flavor -OU; Motrin IB Coated caplets, Tylenol tablets & Extra Strength caplets.

#### **ANTACIDS, ANTIGAS:**

Alka-Seltzer Original tablets, Gas-X Extra Strength chewable tablets, Maxi-Health Maxi Stomach & Acid - OU-P, Zantac (all forms).

#### ANTI-DIARRHEALS,

LAXATIVES: Benefiber - only "Advanced Digestive Health Prebiotic Fiber + Probiotics", not other Benefiber types; Citrucel caplets and Orange

powder - regular and Sugar Free; Colace capsules, Imodium AD Multi-Symptom Relief caplets, Maxi Health Active Lax - OU-P, Metamucil capsules, Metamucil Sugar-Free Orange Smooth and Real Sugar Unflavored Coarse powders, MiraLax, Pepto Bismol Original liquid, Pepto Bismol 5 Symptom Relief caplets, Phillips' Milk of Magnesia Original liquid, Senokot tablets and Extra Strength tablets.

**DENTAL FLOSS:** Any unflavored, waxed or unwaxed.

ons and sprays): Aramis,
Arrid, Donna Karan
Cashmere Mist Deodorant
/Antiperspirant, Irish
Spring. All brands of
solid/stick forms are
acceptable.

HAIR SPRAY: <u>Bumble and</u>
<u>Bumble</u> - Does it All spray,
Holding spray; <u>Pantene</u> Flexible Hold.

contain chometz. Lactaid
Milk may be used on
Pesach if purchased before
Pesach. This product is not
Cholov Yisroel.

LIP CARE: Chapstick Classic
Original, Chapstick
Moisturizer Stick

LIPSTICK: Clinique - Almost,
Butter Shine, Different;
Estee Lauder - All Day,
Pure Color Crystal; Mac Dazzle, Glaze, Matte,
Satin; Revlon - Colorstay
Ultimate Liquid, Super
Lustrous Crème; and many
others on Rabbi Bess' list.

MOUTHWASH: Colgate
(all), Listerine - Antiseptic
Cool Mint, Freshburst,
Total Care Zero Alcohol;
Scope (all). [Note: Listerine
PocketPaks Breath Strips
are not acceptable for
Pesach.]

#### NAIL POLISH, NAIL POLISH REMOVER

PERFUME: <u>Donna Karan</u> -Cashmere Mist; <u>Estée</u> <u>Lauder</u> - Beautiful, Pleasures; <u>Tommy Hilfiger</u> All Over spray; and many others on Rabbi Bess' list.

**TOOTHPASTE:** Aim, Aquafresh, Close Up, Colgate, Pepsodent, Ultrabrite.

VITAMINS: Maxi Health
Vitamin C Bio with Red
Raspberry - OU-P. Maxi
Health Small Prenatal Caps
and Melatonin are
chometz free when
bearing a Chometz Free
sticker on the cap, and
contain kitniyos.

## LAWS OF SHAIMOS

#### By Dayan Rav Shmuel Fuerst

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t is forbidden by the Torah to discard holy objects, devorim shebikdusha, by throwing them into the trash. Objects which have been used for a Mitzvah, although they have no Kedusha of their own, should not be put in a makom be'zayon. However, one may wrap them in double plastic and put them in the garbage. Included in this category are: S'chach of the Sukkah, Tallis bags, Esrogim, Lulavim, Hadasim, and Arovos.

Objects which do have *Kedusha* should be buried. Included in this category are *Tefilin*, *Tefilin* bags, *Mezuzas*, *Mezuza* covers and *Seforim*, whether they are hand written, printed or photocopied. The custom is also to include *Tzitzis* and *Talesim* in this category. One may dispose of a *Yarmulka* in the garbage.

#### Devorim Shebikdusha also include:

- Paper on which a *Halacha* is printed or written with intention to tell the *Halacha*, or a *Medrash* of *Chazal* which is intended to explain a *Possuk* or to teach us how to conduct ourselves in *Mussar* and *Hashkafa*.
- A paper on which three consecutive words of a *Possuk* from *Tanach* have been written on one line with the intention of quoting the *Tanach* (as opposed to a *Melitza* [borrowed phrase] which is not *Shaimos*—and can be discarded).
- Any paper or material on which one of the names of *Hashem* is written.

In the above cases, the *Shaimos* or *Divrei Torah* may be cut away from the paper and be buried, if so desired. However, pieces of paper that fell out of a *Sefer*, even if there is no writing or print on them, are considered *Shaimos*. Letters or printed matter in the Hebrew language are not *Shaimos* if they do not conform with one of these specifications. Letters or printed matter in English or any other non-Hebrew language are *Shaimos* if they conform with the above stipulations.

Newspapers and magazines which contain secular information should not be put into *Shaimos*. They degrade the real *Shaimos* that are buried with them, especially if the advertisements and pictures are not within the spirit of the Torah. The pages that have Torah may be removed and put into *Shaimos* or the whole paper may be put in a double plastic cover and placed into the garbage.

The letters בעז"ה, אי"ה are not *Shaimos* according to the Halacha and Jewish custom. However, it is an act of piety to put them into *Shaimos*. The letters ב"ס definitely may be put into the trash.

If a *Sefer* was covered with a book cover, that cover should be put into *Shaimos*. Homework and test papers in *Limudei Kodesh* may be *Shaimos* depending on whether they fall into the above categories (see #3 above). Invitations from organizations and individuals that contain parts of *Pesukim* are Shaimos.

The Yated, Hamodia, The Jewish Press and similar publications that are mainly news and advertisements and also have *divrei Torah* can be wrapped in double plastic and then placed in the garbage. This page, for the above mentioned reasons, is considered *Shaimos* and should be treated accordingly.



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## Eruv Tavshilin

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When the first or second day of Yom Tov occurs on Friday, it is forbidden to cook and bake on Yom Tov for Shabbos unless an Eruv Tavshilin has been prepared on erev Yom Tov. The Eruv Tavshilin enables you to prepare food on Friday for Shabbos. If Yom Tov occurs on Thursday and Friday, one may not prepare on Thursday for Shabbos. Thursday evening after nightfall is considered the beginning of Friday.

On *erev* Yom Tov the head of household or his designee should set aside a baked item and a cooked item for the Eruv Tavshilin. The *eruv* is held in the right hand and the *bracha* אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על מצות ערוב is recited. After the bracha, an Aramaic proclamation found in the Siddur or Machzor, is recited. If one does not understand the Aramaic, he should recite the declaration in English, as follows: "By virtue of this *eruv* we shall be permitted to cook, bake, keep food warm, carry, light candles, and do all preparations on Yom Tov (i.e. Friday) for Shabbos."

The baked item used for Eruv Tavshilin, should be a whole *challah* or *matzah*, at least the size of a large egg (approximately 2 fl. oz.). Preferably, the cooked item used for the *eruv* should be cooked on *erev* Yom Tov. The cooked item may be anything usually eaten with bread, such as cooked fish or meat; it should be the size of an olive (approximately 1 fl. oz.). Many have the custom to use a hard boiled egg. Cooked cereals, rice or potatoes may not be used.

Related to the mitzvah of Eruv Tavshilin, is the adage, "if a mitzvah is done with an item, one should attempt to use it for another mitzvah." Therefore, there are those who use the loaf for משנה Shabbos night and day, and then recite hamotzie on the loaf at seuda sh'lishis. The cooked item should be eaten on Shabbos as well.

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The *eruv* extends to all household members. Guests staying with the family are included in the family's *eruv*. A person who is unable to make his own *eruv* may, by agreement, join in another person's *eruv*. Before the owner recites the *bracha* and the *eruv* proclamation, he must lift up the *eruv* food with the intention of obtaining a share in it. A short term guest can also use this procedure to be included in the household *eruv*.

Even with the *eruv*, the preparation for Shabbos should conclude early in the afternoon. All foods should be at least one third cooked before the onset of Shabbos. Thus, one should not delay the preparation of *cholunt* or any other food that requires lengthy preparation. Even if one isn't planning to cook on Friday for Yom Tov (i.e., one is invited out for the Shabbos meals or is a guest in a hotel), an *eruv* should still be prepared. There is a disagreement among the *poskim* if a *bracha* is recited when an *eruv* is made in this situation. Therefore, one should not make a *bracha*. However, it is considered proper to cook something, such as heating water for Shabbos on Friday, and thereby a *bracha* would be recited when preparing the Eruv Tavshilin.

If the *eru*v food was eaten before Shabbos, or if one forgot to make an Eruv Tavshilin, one should consult a competent Rabbinical authority.



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**CHOMETZ** may be purchased immediately after Pesach at the following stores in the Detroit area, except for Dunkin Donuts (10 & Greenfield) where chometz should not be bought until 10:10 PM, due to the Halachic requirement of "bichdei sh'yaasu".

| All K-COR establishments         | Joe Randazzo's Fruit Market | <b>Superior Kosher Meats</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aldi                             | Kroger [Detroit area]       | Target [Detroit area]        |
| BJ's                             | Lincoln Liquor              | The Grove                    |
| <b>Busch's Fresh Food Market</b> | Lincoln RX Pharmacy         | Trader Joe's                 |
| Costco                           | Meijer                      | Wal-Mart                     |
| CVS                              | Nutrifoods                  | Walgreens                    |
| <b>Dollar Tree Stores</b>        | Plum Market                 | Westborn                     |
| <b>Family Dollar Stores</b>      | Rite Aid                    | Whole Foods                  |
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It is advisable to wait two weeks after Pesach (April 28) before buying "pure" chometz products (e.g., bread, grain cereals, pasta, cookies and pretzels) at Jewish-owned stores that do not observe Pesach, even if they made a Mechiras Chometz before Pesach, due to the possibility that new chometz was received during Pesach. This includes Restaurant Depot and Natural Food Patch. It is permitted to purchase most other products immediately after Pesach, including pearled raw barley, dry cake mixes, flour (without malted barley), glue, all kitniyos, ketchup, mayonnaise, medicines, mustard, vinegar, vitamin tablets, baker's yeast, and yeast extract.



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