

MAKING PASSOVER SIMPLE

**PREPARING FOR PASSOVER
IN THIS PANDEMIC**



MONTREAL - Passover 2020

GUIDELINES FOR CLEANING 2020 תש"פ **DURING THE COVID19 PANDEMIC**

Dear friend,

At this time, we all daven for your safety and for the safety of the whole Klal Yisrael, that you should all be healthy and that all our Tefilos should be answered. Those who require a Refuah Sheleima, should have a speedy recovery. This year, everyone is wondering what they will be doing to clean for Pesach. Although we say on Pesach, that Pesach night is different than any other night, this year, the entire Pesach will be different to any other Pesach. There are many challenges. Those with children at home, people without cleaning help, as well as those who haven't made Pesach for many years and who usually go away, and now find themselves having to prepare for Pesach for the first time.

We have all been accustomed to preparing for Pesach and going the extra mile wherever we can, cleaning and scrubbing whilst ensuring that the house, car, and offices, etc. are cleaned prior to Pesach. This year, however, we should be aware, this will not all be manageable. We have to be extremely careful as to what is required and what is extra. We have to be aware that when an opportunity arrives to do a Mitzvah and we are not able to do so, due to an emergency circumstance, it is considered Above, as if we already have done the Mitzvah.

Cleaning for Chametz is not required in areas which have not come into contact with Chametz the entire year.

Below is an easy guide for Pesach during this pandemic, which we truly hope will pass very soon. The Pesach Kashering instructions remain as per the Passover in your Pocket Guide.

BUYING NEW APPLIANCES, UTENSILS, CUTLERY, ETC.

During this challenging time, it is not always possible to Toivel Keilim, due to the restrictions that are currently in effect. Many people are making Pesach for the first time and are purchasing new Keilim, making it even more challenging.

With this in mind, we have set up a system of Mechiras Keilim (selling the utensils, pots, pans, cooking and other appliances, etc.), similar to the sale of Chametz, by selling it to a gentile. This would work with the intention that it is only for a short period of time, 30 days. During this time, one may use these items, which are borrowed from the Non-Jew. However, after 30 days, these are then returned to the original ownership of the person that purchased them, and must then be toiveled.

In order to make it simpler, we ask that you please complete the attached form. Each day at 6pm, up until and including Monday, April 6th, all of the forms that we receive, and all of the included on those forms, will be sold. So that at 6:30pm on the day your form was submitted, you are allowed to use these items. Please ensure that you do not discard any of the items. Disposable aluminum pans may be included in the sale for those who wish.

MECHIRAS KEILIM AUTHORIZATION FORM

DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SALE OF FOOD UTENSILS

I hereby authorize and give full power of attorney to Rabbi Saul Emanuel, and/or anyone else he may designate as a substitute in his stead, to sell, transfer and reacquire the following food utensils as listed.

I further authorize Rabbi Saul Emanuel, and/or his designate, to rent or sell as he sees fit, and for the appropriate duration, the places where the above mentioned items may be located.

Rabbi Saul Emanuel will make an assessment of quantity and value of goods mentioned above and the sale will take place at a time determined by him. The buyer's deposit is to be paid to Rabbi Saul Emanuel or his designate.

By tapping on the link below, I give full authorization to Rabbi Saul Emanuel, to proceed with the bill of sale, and it shall be considered as if I, myself had actually signed the bill of sale.

<http://www.mechiraskeilim.ca/>

for who do not internet access, please feel free to call our hotline at 438-521-5338 open daily from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

SALE OF CHAMETZ:

We all sell our Chametz each year prior to Pesach. This is usually done directly with the Rabbi, however, this year, due to the fact that one cannot have any physical interaction, this is not possible. Therefore, we attach a form which can be completed and emailed for easy access and your Chametz will be sold accordingly.

There are those who are stringent not to sell actual Chametz. However, this year, we shall be lenient and sell **all** Chametz, even actual Chametz. This is only for this year, when things get back to normal once again, we will get back to any stringencies which we would like to take upon ourselves.

For those who would like to complete our online form, click here: www.mechiraschametz.ca
or for who do not internet access, please feel free to call our hotline at 438-521-5338 open daily from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

CLEANING

Areas that one will be selling or did not have any Chametz in them the whole year, do not require to be cleaned.

Cabinets, closets, refrigerators, ovens cooking utensils, baking equipment, etc. that will not be used over Pesach, need not be cleaned. They should be locked up and labeled Chametz. and be included in the sale.



SIDDURIM, ZEMIROS BOOKS:

which are used throughout the year with Chametz and where one is not able to remove the Chametz from them, should be locked up and sold.

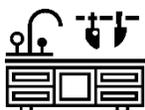
FURNITURE & APPLIANCES:

one is only required to clean around the furniture or appliance. Should you be aware that there is Chametz behind an appliance or furniture, one should ensure not to move these on Pesach, thereby uncovering the Chametz.



LIGHTING FIXTURES, CHANDELIERS: no cleaning required

KITCHEN: Any cupboards /cabinets, stoves, countertops, tables, fridges, freezers, etc. which you intend to use on Pesach, should be cleaned well. Those which are not going to be used on Pesach should be cleaned from any actual Chametz.



FREEZERS & REFRIGERATORS:

these should be cleaned well, including the corners and crevices. They do **NOT** need to be taken apart. Should any Chametz be noticed but cannot be reached, one should spray detergent or bleach on it.



CHAIRS & HIGHCHAIRS: clean the crevices of the chairs. They do not need to be taken apart. Any Chametz which cannot be reached, can be ignored.

COUNTERTOPS, TABLES & STOVES:

These should be Kashered or covered with a double covering. For Kashering, please see below.



DINING ROOMS: the tables should be cleaned and covered. Clean the crevices of the chairs. They do not need to be taken apart. Any Chametz which cannot be reached, can be ignored.

COUCHES: Couches & recliners should be vacuumed well.



PORCHES/YARDS: these should be swept close to Pesach. Please ensure that there are no pieces of Chametz remaining.



GARBAGE CANS: these should be checked to ensure that there is no edible Chametz in them, prior to Pesach, which is the size of an olive.

TOYS: these should be washed very well, if they are to be used on Pesach.





CLOTHING: that will be used for Pesach, especially children's clothing, should be checked for any Chametz.

CARS: cars that will be used on Pesach should be cleaned very well, otherwise should be sold with the sale of Chametz. Ensure to check all the pockets, sides of the seats, underneath their seats and the glove compartment, etc.



WALLETS & POCKETBOOKS: these should be checked for Chametz.

FOOD ITEMS: all food, even Chametz, may be stored in a Chametz cabinet/ cupboard and sold this year for Pesach.



CLEANING FOR PESACH: *families are all together at home, during this trying period. It is an opportunity for one and all to get involved, in the cleaning for Pesach. Let's take the opportunity and get everyone to participate in this Mitzvah of preparing for*

Yom Tov. Make it a family activity and lighten the load for everyone. Make it enjoyable for children. Let them remember the experience, even in the challenging times.

TAANIS BECHORIM - FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

Preferably, one should partake in a Siyum (the completing of a Masechta) by phone. If this is not possible, there is no need to fast.



BIUR CHAMETZ

This year, there is no communal Biur Chametz. Therefore, one should burn the 10 pieces Chametz only, on a barbecue or a disposable barbecue. If this is not possible, they should be disposed in the toilet, ensuring not to block the toilet, by wrapping the pieces in toilet paper at the very outset. Any other Chametz should be disposed of, prior to Erev Pesach, by leaving the Chametz in a garbage bag, to be collected, or pouring bleach over the Chametz, prior to Erev Pesach.

For further information, please see www.canadapassover.ca

Text your questions: 438-800-3379

Hoping that by all of us working together as a family, and preparing for Pesach, we will be ready for the day. As we lift our cups and make the Blessing of Asher GeAlanu, prior to washing for the meal, we will beseech Hashem and ask him to take us from Afeila to Ora, from darkness to light. This year, more than ever, let us cry out and ask for the Ultimate Salvation of Hashem, to take all of us out of this darkness, to the light of Moshiach, speedily in our days.

Rabbi Saul Emanuel
Canada's Kosher Certifier

**PESACH ZMANIM 5780 – תש"פ**

| | DATE | TIME |
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| Shabbos Hagadol-Parshas Tzav Candlelighting Allumage des Bougies | Friday, April 4 th 10 th Nissan | 7:07 p.m. |
| Shabbos Ends Fin de Shabbat | Shabbat, April 5 th 11 th Nissan | 8:13 p.m. |
| Latest Time to Eat Chametz On peut consommer du 'hamets jusqu'à | Wednesday, April 8 th 14 th Nissan | no later than 10:16 a.m. |
| Latest time to Burn Chametz le 'hamets doit avoir été brûlé à | Wednesday, April 8 th | Before 11:35 a.m. |
| ERUV TAVSHILIN | Wednesday, April 8 th | |
| Candlelighting Allumage des Bougies | Wednesday, April 8 th | 7:14 p.m. |
| Candlelighting, Allumage des Bougies (from pre-existing flame) | Thursday, April 9 th | After 8:20 p.m. |
| Candlelighting Allumage des Bougies | Friday, April 10 th | Before 7:16 p.m. |
| Shabbos Ends Fin de Shabbat | Shabbat, April 11 th | 8:23 p.m. |
| Candlelighting Allumage des Bougies | Tuesday April 14 th | 7:21 p.m. |
| Candlelighting Allumage des Bougies | Wednesday April 15 th | After 8:28 p.m. |
| Yom Tov Ends Fin de Yom Tov | Thursday, April 16 th | 8:30 p.m. |