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**TEMPLE EMANUEL'S
PASSOVER GUIDE**

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Pesach and Shabbat

The first and last day of Pesach this year fall on Shabbat. There are a few liturgical and ritual differences. The liturgical alterations and additions are found in the Siddur. Some ritual changes are below:

Friday Night:

Candle Lighting: When reciting the blessing, recite, "...L'Hadleek ner shel Shabbat V'shel Yom Tov." The 1st night also recite "Shehecheyanu". On the eve of the 8th day Shehecheyanu is not recited.

Kiddush: Both Friday nights, Kiddush is for Yom Tov w/insertions for Shabbat. On the 1st night, find the additions in your Haggadah.

Birkat HaMazon: Both Friday nights, recite the Birkat HaMazon for Shabbat with insertions for Pesach.

Saturday Night:

Each day of Yom Tov is unique, therefore, traditionally, one does not even begin to prepare for the second Seder until after the Havdalah for the conclusion of Shabbat has been recited. Havdalah is found in your Haggadah. The remainder of the Haggadah does not change. On the last evening of Pesach, you must wait until after Havdalah to buy back your Hametz.

Mechirat Chametz-Selling of Chametz—please see next page.

Bedikat Chametz-The Search for Chametz

After the house has been cleaned, we search for crumbs of Chametz we may have missed: this year, any time after sunset on **Thursday, March 29th** Your *Haggadah* should include instructions and the texts of this ritual. It begins by preparing the objects used for the search: a candle, a feather, and a wooden spoon, and reciting a blessing. Following the search, the *Kol Chamira* formula, found in your *Haggadah*, is then recited.

Bi'ur Chametz-The Burning of the Chametz

Traditionally, any Chametz found during the search on the previous night should be burned by **10 am on Friday, March 30th**. **Burning of the Chametz will follow Minyan on Friday morning, March 30th at the Ward St entrance.**

Siyyum HaB'chorim-Fast of the First Born

As an expression of our gratitude to God for sparing our first born in Egypt, our first born are required to fast on Erev Pesach from sunrise until the start of the seder. This fast can be broken, however, if one attends a mandated ritual meal, known as a *seudat mitzvah*. It is customary for synagogues to arrange for a *siyyum* (special Talmud study) for the conclusion of the study of a section of Talmud, which is followed by just such a festive meal. The Siyyum HaB'chorim and *seudat mitzvah* will be part of our daily Minyan at **7 am on Friday, March 30th**.

YOM TOV CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, March 30 th	Erev Pesach-First Seder	6:50 pm
Saturday, March 31 st	Second Evening of Pesach-Second Seder	8:00 pm
Thursday, April 5 th	Erev 7 th Day of Pesach	6:57 pm
Friday, April 6 th	Erev 8 th Day of Pesach/Shabbat	6:58 pm

A Private Candle Lighting Prayer

May the brightness of these candles banish all gloom, anxiety, and care from my heart and from the hearts of my loved ones. May this holiday bring us peace and serenity, joy and rest. Keep aglow within us, O God, the spirit of gratitude for Your many blessings so that we many know the sweet taste of contentment and the rich harvest of sharing. Kindle in our home a deeper love for one another, for our people, and for all our children. Amen.

Music is the window to the soul. To help you prepare your soul for the coming festival, visit our temple webpage (www.templemanuel.com/music) to listen to "Let My People Sing". This beautiful compendium includes Cantor Roseberg, Rabbi Michelle Robinson, Hazzan Sheini Dan Nesson, along with inspiring participation by our Shabbat Alive singers, our children's and adult choirs, and classes from our preschool and religious school. Enjoy!

Pesach Service Times

Saturday, March 24

Shabbat HaGadol

6:45 & 9:30 am, 6:45 pm

Friday, March 30

Erev Pesach & 1st Seder

Minyan & Siyyum 7 am,
Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:15 pm

Saturday, March 31

1st Day & 2nd Seder

(NO EARLY SERVICE)

10 am, Mincha 12:30 pm

TE Community Seder

6:30 pm

Sunday, April 1

2nd Day

(NO EARLY SERVICE)

10 am & 7 pm

Monday, April 2—

Wednesday, April 4

Hol HaMo'ed

6:45 am & 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 5

Hol HaMo'ed &

Erev Yom Tov

6:45 am & 7:15 pm

Friday, April 6

7th Day

6:45 & 9:30 am

Kabbalat Shabbat &

Shabbat Alive 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 7

8th Day/Yizkor

6:45 & 9:30 am

(*Yizkor* is recited at **BOTH** morning services),

Mincha/Ma'ariv 7 pm

You May Eat Chametz

After 8 pm



Sefirat HaOmer

From the second night of Passover, we begin to count up: day one, day two, etc. This is known as Sefirat HaOmer, the counting of the omer. So, what's an omer, why do we count them, and for how long? An omer is a measure of barley. In ancient times this was brought to the Temple as a thanksgiving offering and only after it was brought could one partake of the new harvest. Once the Temple was destroyed, new meaning was sought to keep this practice alive. The Torah (Lev. 23:15-16) tells us that from the second day of Pesach we must count 49 days, the 50th being Shavuot, when we celebrate receiving the Torah at Sinai. This is interpreted to mean that freedom is not without responsibility and the Exodus is connected to mandates proclaimed at Sinai.

The period of Sefira is also colored with a somber tone. It is said that 1200 of Rabbi Akiba's students died in one year between Pesach and Shavuot. Historians link this to the Hadrianic persecutions that followed the failed Bar Kochba revolution. Apparently, there was a victory against the Romans, small as it may have been, on the 18th of Iyar, corresponding to the 33rd day of the omer. Since then, it has been a day of celebration. The custom in Israel is for children to go out in the fields with bow and arrow, perhaps a throw-back to the military origin of the day. This year Lag Ba'Omer is commemorated on **Thursday, May 3rd**.



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Pirkei Avot Study

There is a tradition to study the Talmudic Tractate of Pirke Avot, "Ethics of the Fathers" on the 6 Shabbatot between the end of Passover and Shavuot. Please join us from 1 to 2 pm in the Slater Conference Room or the Gann Chapel as members of our congregation facilitate lively discussions from the text. We will meet on April 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 19



By Amy Levin and Avram Israel Reisner

Kitniyot; Not Just for Sefardim

Since earliest times, there has been a divide between Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews around the issue of Kitniyot on Passover. In a landmark Teshuva by the Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards, Amy Levin and Avram Israel Reisner's reply to the question, "...might Kitniyot be permitted to Ashkenazim" passed by a vote of 19-1 with 2 abstentions. Here is an excerpt from the concluding paragraph, "...given the inapplicability today of the primary concerns that seem to have led to the custom of prohibiting kitniyot, and further, given our inclination to present an accessible Judaism, we are prepared to reply on the fundamental observance recorded in the Talmud and codes and permit the eating of Kitniyot on Pesah". To access the full Teshuva, you can go to the following link: www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-Kitniyot.pdf

MECHIRAT CHAMETZ—SELLING YOUR CHAMETZ

During Pesach, we are prohibited from owning any Chametz.

Centuries ago, our Rabbis established a legal method that enables us to sell our Chametz to a non-Jewish neighbor, and retrieve it at the conclusion of the festival. The document is called a "*Shtar Mechira*." There are several ways to sell your Chametz.

- Complete and return the attached form
- Appoint Dan Nesson as your agent via email dnesson@templemanuel.com
- Appoint Dan Nesson as your agent by visiting his office
- Appoint Dan Nesson as your agent by phone (617) 558-8104
- Find this form on the Temple Web page www.templemanuel.com/observance

You must sell your Chametz before 10 am, Friday, March 30th. Everyone selling Chametz by Sunday, March 25th receives a free "Bedikat Chametz" (search for Chametz) feather and spoon kit!

Shtar Mechira

I, the undersigned, hereby relinquish ownership of all Chametz mixtures in my possession. I authorize Mr. Daniel Nesson or any subsequent agent that he may appoint, to act on my behalf for the purpose of selling my Chametz and chametz mixtures (see definitions below) to a non-Jew for the duration of the Passover Festival. I further agree that I will gather all the Chametz, Chametz mixtures, and all cookware, utensils, dishes, and all items used to prepare or consume Chametz, and place them in a segregated, clearly marked area. This contract absolves me of all Chametz of which I am unaware.

In this regard I am enclosing a donation to *tzedakah*.
**Checks should be made out to "Temple Emanuel"
and memo'd "Chametz." All proceeds go to charity.**

Name _____

Tel _____

Email _____

