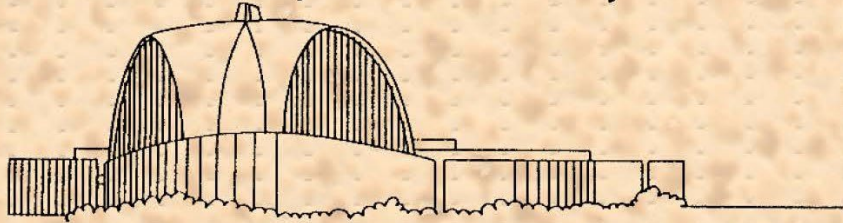


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שבת שלום SHABBAT SHALOM

ב"ה

DAILY MINYAN SUNDAY - FRIDAY IS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 9:00 AM
CONTACT RABBI GOLDEN FOR MORE INFORMATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

LIGHT CANDLES: 6:56 PM

At this time during COVID-19,
Friday evening services are not being held



SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 (14 NISAN 5781)

SHABBAT HAGADOL
שבת הגדול

PARASHAT TZAV
פרשת צו



SHABBAT SERVICES 9:30 AM
שחרית, קריאת התורה ומוסף

Shabbat Morning Services will be held in the Sanctuary
with social distance restrictions by reservation only.
Kindly refer to the updated COVID-19 Policy.

Please contact the Temple office by
Thursday, March 25 to register:
admin@thesephardictemple.org (516-295-4644)

**PLEASE SEE COMPLETE
SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER
SERVICE TIMES AND
HOLYDAY INFORMATION**

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SHABBAT, MARCH 27, 2021

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Parashat TZAV... The first half of
Parashat Tzav describes many of the
sacrifices that Israel offered in the

Tabernacle. While we no longer offer sacrifices, the
religious and moral values that underlie these offerings are
still an essential part of Judaism. The sacrifices were a
physical manifestation of one's gratitude to G-d, and a
formal act of submission to the King of Kings. In the
second half of the Parashat, the Torah describes the
initiation ceremony for the priesthood.

IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

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SEPHARDIC TEMPLE SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Shabbat Morning Services will be held in the Sanctuary with social distance restrictions by reservation only. Please review our new COVID-19 Policy.

Registration to the Temple office for Shabbat must be received by Thursday.



If you have any questions regarding Passover preparations, please contact Rabbi Golden:

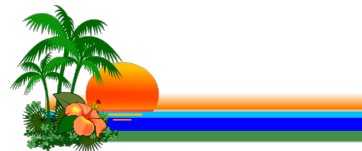
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Remember the "Matza Fund"
to help those in need this Passover



Yom HaShoah
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Thursday, April 8



Spring change of address?

Please notify the Temple office
of any updates in address and
telephone numbers

Selling Hamets...?

Arrangements have been made to effect the sale of hamets through Rabbi Shlomo Segal of Kehilat Moshe of South Brooklyn. Suggested donation \$36.

Please see the enclosed form to be returned to: kehilatmoshe@gmail.com
by March 24

Ladino Phrase of the Week

איל דייו טי די סאלו אי אניוס די וידה

El Dio te de salu(d) i anyos de vida

G-d should give you health and years of life

Courtesy of the Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America:
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PASSOVER 2021



THURSDAY, MARCH 25

תענית בכורים

Fast of First Born begins 5:28 AM

ZOOM SHAHRIT SERVICE 9:00 AM

Contact the Temple office for Zoom link

SIYYUM VIA ZOOM AFTER THE SERVICE

BEDIKAT HAMETS

בדיקת חמץ

Search for Hamets begins after sunset 7:13 PM

FRIDAY EVE, MARCH 26

Candlelighting 6:56 PM

EREV PASSOVER

SHABBAT HAGADOL MORNING SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 27

Morning Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, March 25)

HAMETS RESTRICTIONS

סוף זמן אכילת חמץ

Final time for eating hamets 10:54 AM

זמן ביעור חמץ

Dispose of any remaining hamets 11:56 AM

END OF SHABBAT HAGADOL & EVE OF PASSOVER

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 27

Shabbat ends (Havdalah)..... 7:49 PM

Light candles for Pesah after 7:49 PM and

FIRST HAGGADAH (SEDER) after 7:49 PM

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 28

Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
TIKKUN HATAL (PRAYER FOR DEW)

(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, March 25)

SECOND EVENING OF PASSOVER

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 28

Count the Omer – First Day

Light candles for Pesah after 7:50 PM and

SECOND HAGGADAH (SEDER) after 7:50 PM

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

MONDAY, MARCH 29

Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, March 25)

Count the Omer – Second Day

Havdalah 7:51 PM

HOL HAMOED חול המועד פסח

INTERMEDIATE DAYS

(TUESDAY, MARCH 30 –

FRIDAY, APRIL 2)

ZOOM SHAHRIT SERVICE 9:00 AM

Contact the Temple office for Zoom link

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 2

Light Candles 7:03 PM

Count the Omer - Sixth Day

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 3

Morning Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, April 1)

EIGHTH DAY OF PASSOVER

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 3

Light Candles 7:56 PM

Count the Omer - Seventh Day

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 4

Morning Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, April 1)

Vizkor Prayers recited after the conclusion
of the Shabbat service 11:30 AM

SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 4

Holyday ends/Havdalah 7:57 PM

Count Omer - Eighth day

Do not consume hamets
until after 9:00 PM

General guidance on the Disposal of Hamets:

In addition to the prohibition of consuming hamets on Pesah, the Torah mandates that no hamets be owned or possessed during the Passover festival. Thus, from biblical times, Jews have made sure to dispose of hamets and clean their residences and other properties of hamets. How best to do this in 2021? Our recommendation is to follow the traditional practice of consuming all hamets products in advance of the Passover festival (before Friday afternoon March 26). The relatively recent practice of selling hamets (MEHIRAT HAMETS) developed for businesses - like breweries and commercial wholesalers - who would suffer huge financial losses by disposing of hamets before Passover. Selling of hamets was never intended for common homeowners to keep a loaf of bread or a box of pasta in their possession over the holyday. If you still feel like selling your hamets,

This year the 14th of Nisan, the Eve of Passover, falls on Shabbat, and a number of significant changes to the pre-Yom Tov rituals are made:

First is the Fast of the Firstborn which is observed on the preceding Thursday, March 25. The Siyyum will take place via Zoom after the shahrit minyan (which begins promptly at 9:00am) has concluded. Please contact the Temple office for the Zoom link.

The Search for Hamets/BEDIQAT HAMETS is performed on Thursday evening, March 25 with the customary blessing before the search and the BITOOL (Declaration of Nullification of Hamets/KOL HAMIRA) recited after the search. We diligently search through all of our possessions to seek if any edible hamets might have been overlooked or escaped our attention during our cleaning and preparation for the holyday. Remember to search one's automobile(s), and one's office/cubicle, etc., in addition to one's residence(s). At the conclusion of the search on Thursday night, all hamets in one's domain and possession should be separated. Any hamets that will be disposed of, or eaten, on the next day should be placed in a designated location where it will not be lost or disturbed.

Because Erev Pesah falls on the Sabbath, the process of removing hamets from one's possession, and B'FOOR HAMETS (nullifying hamets), becomes much more complicated since the Sabbath restrictions preclude most methods of cleaning and destroying the hamets. Our recommendation is the following: Consume all hamets in one's possession by early afternoon on Friday, March 26, and any hamets left over should be disposed of at that time – before shabbath – and the BITOOL would be recited at that time. Some burn the hamets. This can be difficult to accomplish with completeness, and the Talmud is clear that other methods of disposal can be utilized. Thus, if the amount of hamets is small (a few crumbs, etc.) it could be flushed down the toilet. Another safe method for 'larger' amounts of hamets is to place it into a bag and dispose of it in a public trash container. Halakhic authorities also permit placing bagged hamets into one's own garbage can which is an act of HEFQEROOT (declaring something ownerless).

If, however, you plan to eat hamets on Friday and Shabbat Evening/Shabbat Morning, then the hamets that you have separated and left over from the Search for Hamets on Thursday evening should be consumed no later than 10:54am on Shabbat morning and the BITOOL (Nullification of Hamets) recited no later than 11:56am. Be aware that if you are choosing to eat hamets after midday Friday, any hamets left over after burning or otherwise disposing will not be included in the sale to the non-Jew if you are selling your hamets.

Selling of Hamets

Arrangements have been made to effect the sale of hamets through Rabbi Shlomo Segal of Kehilat Moshe of South Brooklyn: (kehilatmoshe@gmail.com), 347-850-4170. Suggested donation \$36. Donations may be sent to: 2472 East 28 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Payable to Kehilat Moshe.

Meals on Shabbat Erev Pesah

All Shabbat meals should be kosher for Passover (made of kosher for Passover ingredients in Passover utensils). How should we fulfill the requirement to recite the HaMotsee blessing over the LEHEM MISHNEH (two loaves of bread eaten at Sabbath & Festival meals)? The best way is to use Egg Matsah (MATSAH ASHIRAH) which is considered bread=LEHEM, but does not fulfill the requirement for the Haggadah (Seder) meal. While there is a long-standing custom to refrain from eating MATSAH on the day before Pesah, use of Egg Matsah enables us to observe the Sabbath requirement for LEHEM MISHNEH while also reserving the taste of the MATSAH SHEMURAH solely for the Haggadah evening on Saturday night.

If one wants to use hamets for LEHEM MISHNEH, you should use small rolls that can be consumed without cutting and eaten in its entirety to avoid crumbs. Use disposable utensils and dishes for your meal(s) to prevent contact with the hamets, and avoid bringing Passover utensils and dishes to the table. You will have to eat a very early lunch though to finish your hamets rolls by 10:54am, and recite the BITOOL by 11:56am.

Everyone is obligated to come to the Haggadah Table on Saturday night with a full appetite. Therefore, if you are eating a SE'UDAH SHELISHIT (Third Sabbath Meal), not even MATSAH ASHIRAH is allowed. A piece of fruit, or some light snack, is the way to go!

Seder Preparations

No preparations for the Haggadah (Seder) can be made on Shabbat – all items needed for the Haggadah, including the special *el Plato de Pesah*, should be created before the Sabbath. Remember to light a 3-day candle before Shabbat so you will be able to light your Yom Tov candles from a pre-existing flame. The more preparation for the Haggadah (Seder) is done before the Sabbath, the sooner the proceedings can begin after Shabbat.

TO REITERATE:

If you plan on being hamets-free by Friday midday, you can recite the BITOOL (Nullification of Hamets) at that time on Friday.

If you plan, however, to eat hamets on Friday afternoon, Shabbat evening and Shabbat morning, then the final time for eating hamets on Shabbat is 10:54am, and the final time for disposing of (without breaking the Sabbath - no burning obviously) and nullifying the hamets by reciting the BITOOL declaration is 11:56am.

SELLING THE “CHAMETZ”

The Torah forbids a Jew to own any chametz during Passover, so we sell all chametz (left after the search and burning) to a non-Jew, with the Rabbi acting as our agent. The non-Jewish buyer gives a small deposit, and the balance becomes a guaranteed loan. The sale of chametz transaction is legally binding, but the buyer may return it and retrieve his deposit. Place all chametz utensils in a specific room or closet(s) to be sold, sealed with tape or lock, until after Passover.

SALE OF CHAMETZ FORM (Please Print or Type)

I (/we) (SELLER’S NAME(s)) _____ hereby authorize Rabbi Shlomo Segal to dispose of all chametz in my (our) possession wherever it may be, at home, at my (our) place(s) of business, or elsewhere - in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law as incorporated in the special contract for the sale of Chametz.

Date _____

Resident Address(es): _____

City: _____

Business Address(es): _____

City: _____

Signature(s) _____

Please scan or take photo and email this form to kehilatmoshe@gmail.com

The form must be emailed no later than Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Suggested donation: \$36

Donations may be sent to: 2472 East 28 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235

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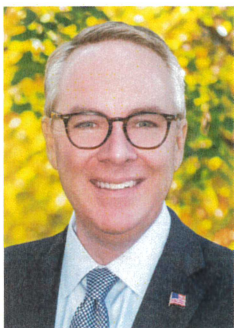
Friday, March 26th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Two Locations

**at Town Parking Lot in Woodmere
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or

**at Echo Park in West Hempstead
(399 Nassau Boulevard, West Hempstead)**



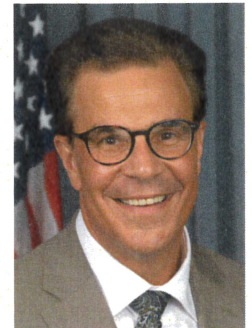
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PASSOVER FAQ - UPDATED 5781

This guide grew out of the UTJ's Passover Hot Line- the first 1-800 number established for Passover questions. This is a fairly complete representation of all the questions we have received over the years. We hope that this guide will add to your observance of Pesah, and that it will make your life easier as you prepare for the holiday. Chag Kasher V'sameach to everyone!

I. FOOD:

WHAT ABOUT OAT AND SPELT MATZAHS? There are kosher for Passover Oat and Spelt Matzahs.

DAIRY

DOES HARD (AGED) CHEESE NEED PASSOVER CERTIFICATION IF IT IS BOUGHT BEFORE PESAH? Yes.

DOES BUTTER NEED PESAH CERTIFICATION IF BOUGHT BEFORE PESAH? Absolutely not!

CAN I USE AN UNOPENED BOTTLE OF ORGANIC MAPLE SYRUP? Yes.

DO COTTAGE CHEESE AND CHEESES IN GENERAL NEED PASSOVER CERTIFICATION? Yes. Careful consumers should only buy Kosher for Passover cheeses- hard and soft!

IS THERE A KP NON-DAIRY CREAMER? Yes, it is made by Kineret.

IS THERE A LOW FAT KP CHEESE? Yes.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

MAY ALL FROZEN VEGETABLES BE USED FOR PESACH? No, not at all. It used to be that frozen veggies were quite good for Pesach, but that has ceased to be the case due to the fact that most vegetable processors now cook all manner of hametz in the same retorts in which the vegetables are cooked. (Yes, even frozen veggies are subject to some cooking.) So, frozen vegetables need Pesach certification.

MAY WE EAT CORN? Sephardim eat corn on Pesach.

MAY I USE PEELED BABY CARROTS? Some people say no out of a fear that the anti-oxidants used may be hametz. Obviously, the situation can change from year to year. Until now, there has been no problem with peeled carrots. In fact, over a ten year period, we have found no problems with this product.

ARE WE PERMITTED TO EAT STRINGBEANS? According to the Rem"za (Rabbi Moses Isserles), yes, we may. Not every rabbi accepts that stance. Our stance here at the Kosher Nexus is that we may eat them.

MAY WE EAT SWEET POTATOES ON PASSOVER? Canned ones would need Pesach certification. Fresh ones would be fine.

CAN I USE CANNED PINEAPPLE WITHOUT PESAH HASHGACHA ON PESAH? Some people feel that canned pineapple in its own sauce only (i.e., not in syrup) is acceptable for Passover. Even though we agree, we suggest, that you might want to buy certified KP canned pineapple.

DOES APPLESAUCE NEED PASSOVER CERTIFICATION? Yes.

GRAINS

IS QUINOA KOSHER FOR PESAH? Yes. It needs no Passover certification. If you want to be certain beyond all certainties, buy it before Pesach. Stories about possible wheat being present in quinoa were fabrications.

DOES CEREAL NEED PASSOVER CERTIFICATION? Absolutely! There are now a number of fairly expensive cereals on the market for Pesach.

BEVERAGES: SODA, COFFEE, ALCOHOL

WHAT ABOUT SODAS? Soda needs Passover hashgacha. One thing you should know is that often times the label on the soda will say "corn syrup" even though the cap of the soda says KP. There are no kosher for Passover sodas that contain corn syrup. They simply don't change the label for Passover, hence the KP on the cap. Please also note that flavored Seltzer needs Passover hashgacha. Plain, unflavored seltzer is automatically Kosher for Pesach.

IS THERE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER RUM? We have never seen any.

DOES COFFEE NEED PASSOVER CERTIFICATION? All regular GROUND coffee is acceptable for Passover.

DOES DECAF TEA OR DECAF COFFEE NEED PASSOVER HASHGACHA? Yes. Lipton Decaf tea is fine for Passover with no special certification

IS THERE AN ORGANIC WINE FOR PASSOVER? Yes, it is called Kedem Wine.

ARE THERE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER WHISKEYS? Not many. There are some kosher for Passover vodkas, bourbons, one tequila, and some liqueurs. Check for hashgacha.

IS THERE KP BRANDY? Yes, among others who make it, Kedem makes some. Brandy must have P certification.

SNACKS AND DESSERTS

WHAT ABOUT NUTS? Nuts must be raw, not colored, with no additives and no BHA. Other than that, they need Pesach certification.

MAY WE EAT PEANUTS ON PASSOVER? According to the late Rabbi Moses Feinstein (OBM), we may eat peanuts on Passover. Many have twisted his words, but, simply put, he allowed it unless there is a community wide custom not to eat them.

IS THERE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER PEANUT BUTTER? Yes. It is made Shneider's.

WHAT ABOUT POPCORN? Ashkenazim would not eat popcorn on Pesach. Sephardim could. It would need Pesach certification, by the way.

WHAT ABOUT COCOA? Hershey's Pure Cocoa needs no special certification for Passover. Just open a new tin/box.

IS THERE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER VANILLA? Yes, but it must have special Passover certification.

DOES HONEY NEED P CERTIFICATION? Pure honey with no additives needs no Passover certification. Beware of any honey produced in China. We do not recommend honey from China at any time!

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS KP RICE CAKES? Yes, for Sephardim.

ADDITIVES

IS THERE A KOSHER FOR PESAH CORN STARCH? We have never seen one.

DOES ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER NEED HASHGACHA FOR PESAH? Generally speaking, yes, it does. Plain saccharin tabs need no hashgacha.

DOES APPLE CIDER VINEGAR NEED PESAH CERTIFICATION? Yes.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF VINEGAR? Unless it is certified kosher for Passover, it isn't!

ARE JALAPENOS IN THE CAN OR JAR KP? They would need Passover certification.

WHAT SPICES ARE KP? In general, spices need Passover certification because of the ways in which spices are dried, cured, and produced. In addition, some spices are sprayed with a Hametz spray to make them dry better and more quickly. Hence, spices need certification. Some years, there are spices that are acceptable without special Passover certification. When that is the case, we shall make the information available to you.

OILS

WHAT IS THE STORY WITH EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL? It doesn't need special Passover certification. (only true of 100% extra virgin oil that is already labelled kosher.)

IS CANOLA OIL KP? It certainly can be.

WHAT ABOUT SAFFLOWER OIL? It needs P certification. Look for Hollywood brand in the regular oil dep't of your super market. It often hides there!

MISCELLANEOUS

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF GUAR GUM, CAROB BEAN GUM, AND CARRAGENUM? They need Passover certification.

IS FLAX SEED KOSHER FOR PASSOVER? Yes- in all forms: raw, dry, or bleached.

IS METAMUCIL KOSHER FOR PESAH? The unflavored kind is acceptable. The capsules are fine, too.

FOODWARE

DOES ALUMINUM FOIL NEED P CERTIFICATION? No. (Actually, it never needs certification.)

DOES WAX PAPER NEED P CERTIFICATION? No. According to some authorities, it does need kosher certification. It does not need Passover certification, however.

II. KASHERING:

FOODWARE

DOES THE MIKVEH MAKE DISHES KOSHER FOR PASSOVER? No, it does not.

HOW DO I KASHER SILVERWARE? After not using the silverware for at least 24 hours, immerse it piece by piece in boiling water. You might want to use a nylon stocking bag to make it easier. Heavy duty rubber gloves are helpful, too.

HOW DO I KASHER GLASSWARE? There are three ways. One way (and we do not suggest you do this) is to immerse it in boiling water. Sephardim simply wash glass to make it kosher for Pesach. Many Ashkenazim follow the Sefardi custom. The other is to do the three day dunk. Fill a large tub or basin with water from the tap. Hot, cold, tepid- it matters not. Put the glassware into the tub of water and make sure that it is totally immersed. After 24 hours, drain the water and refill. After another 24 hours, drain and refill. After another 24 hours, drain the water, and you are done. Among commentaries, the Terumat Hadeshen stands out for not allowing glass to be koshered at all. In Israel, more and more Ashkenazi rabbis are calling for simple washing.

HOW DO I KASHER CORNINGWARE? First of all, note that Corning BAKE ware may NOT be kashered for Pesach. In general, the rule regarding Corningware is: If it has been used for heating/cooking foods, then it has to be kashered in heat over 750 degrees. If it has NOT been used to heat/cook foods, it can be kashered by either the three day dunk or by boiling.

OVENS & STOVES

HOW DO I KASHER A SELF CLEANING OVEN? Turn on the self-cleaning cycle. Go drink some coffee and come back in four hours. Voila!

HOW DO I KASHER THE OVEN IF IT'S NOT SELF-CLEANING? Minutely and fastidiously scrub and then scrub some more until the inside shines. Take out the racks and scrub them until they shine again. Put the racks back in the oven and put the oven on broil for one hour. The bottom line is: do the best job you can do.

HOW DO I KASHER A CONTINUOUS CLEANING OVEN? The only way to do this kind of oven is just the same way we clean any regular oven. Care should be taken, however, as many continuous cleaning ovens can be ruined by caustic cleansers. Check with the manufacturer's instructions, first.

HOW DO I KASHER A MICROWAVE OVEN? Remove the inside tray and put it away for the holiday. Replace with a new one. Then, very carefully wash the interior of the unit. Once clean, put a bowl of water inside the oven. Nuke the water until it boils and the interior of the oven is covered with condensate. Then move the bowl and nuke again. When the interior is thoroughly wet, the unit is kosher for Pesach.

HOW DO I KASHER A GLASS TOP RANGE? If it is Corning, Halogen, Radiant, or Ceran: turn on the heat until the top is hot enough to do "libun kal," i.e., it is hot enough to ignite a piece of tissue placed on it when the unit is turned off.

HOW DO I KASHER THE TRIVETS ON THE STOVE TOP? Clean them very carefully. Put them back on the stove top and turn on the gas or the electric full out for twenty (some say 30) minutes.

DISHWASHERS & TABLE TOPS

HOW DO I KASHER THE DISHWASHER? There are different opinions about this. “Everyone” says to wash out the interior and scrub it with a brush and remove the racks and run two full cycles to kasher the dishwasher. Some people feel that the racks cannot be made kosher for Pesach, so they put in new ones (or racks they use only for Pesach.). Others say to scrub the racks very carefully and then put them in the machine while you are running the two koshering cycles. Still others say metal racks need only be cleaned and then run through two cycles. Others say one cycle. Others say that rubber can be made KP. Some do not accept that. We follow a simple solution- we store chametz in the dishwasher over Pesach. **Halachically, all that is needed, however, is to run a full cycle with soap and then you can use the dishwasher on Pesach.**

HOW DO I KASHER A GRANITE TOP COUNTER? Use boiling water. Pour it all over the counter. Mop the floor.

CAN LUCITE BE MADE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER? There are two opinions: one says yes, the other says no. We are of the opinion that because Lucite is hard plastic, it can be made kosher for Pesach by immersion in boiling water.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOW DO I KASHER MY YEAR ‘ROUND BLECH? According to Ashkenazic custom, we do not use our year ‘round blech on Pesach (even with kashering). Ashkenazic custom is to use a strictly for Pesach blech.

HOW DO I KASHER A HAND-HELD (NOT ELECTRIC) CAN OPENER? First clean it well. Don’t use it for 24 hours. Immerse it in boiling water.

HOW DO I KASHER MY DENTURES FOR PASSOVER? Although the temptation to say gargle with boiling water is strong, the truth is just clean them. Some people do pour boiling water over the dentures- but put them in the sink or in a cup first! We do not recommend using boiling water on your dentures. Just clean them carefully.

III. MEDICINES / COSMETICS / CLEANERS:

MEDICINES

Check the various lists. The bottom line regarding meds is that many people have a custom to not use pills containing hametz unless there is no acceptable alternative. Many people believe that if it is a pill that is swallowed, it need not be kosher for Passover. We concur. We do note, though, that all insulins and all heart meds (as of now) are kosher for Passover. Please note that elixirs are always chametz and are NOT acceptable on Passover.

COSMETICS

As this is a generalized listing, it is not possible for us to list cosmetics here. We do, however, believe that there is almost never an issue with cosmetics.

CLEANERS

ARE SCOTCHBRIGHT PADS KOSHER FOR PASSOVER? Yes

IS COMET KOSHER FOR PASSOVER Yes.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF O-U CERTIFIED CLEANING LIQUIDS? They are all kosher for Passover.

MISCELLANEOUS

I WILL BE AWAY FOR PESAH, WHEN DO I DO BEDIKAT HAMETZ? Just before you leave home.

IS THERE A RESOURCE FOR VEGETARIANS? Indeed, there is. The best collection of Kosher for Passover recipes (including veggie) can be found at: www.kosher4passover.com/recipes.htm

IV. THE FINAL WORD:

Here at the UTJ, we are always available to answer your Kashruth questions- at Pesah time and all year around, too. Feel free to email your questions to kosher4nexusrabbi@gmail.com

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2021 PET FOOD LIST

The following is a list of pet foods approved for Passover 2021 when produced in the U.S. Products with identical names from foreign countries may have different formulations, thus compromising their Passover status. Since formulas are subject to change, make sure to check all labels. There should be no *chometz* listed. A product listing both meat and dairy ingredients may not be used any time during the year. (See “Feeding Your Pet: Barking Up the Right Tree” at www.star-k.org for more information)

CATS

Blue Freedom Grain Free Indoor (canned)—Chicken for Kittens, Chicken for Cats, Fish, Flaked Chicken in Tasty Gravy, Chicken for Mature Cats

Evanger's: When bearing cRc Passover approval

Friskies (canned): Paté Chicken and Tuna Dinner, Paté Classic Seafood Entrée, Paté Turkey and Giblets, Paté Country Style Dinner, Paté Mariners Catch, Paté Salmon Dinner, Paté Poultry Platter, Paté Mixed Grill, Paté Liver and Chicken Dinner

Kirkland (Costco) (dry): Healthy Weight Indoor Adult, Maintenance Chicken & Rice, Natures Domain Salmon Meal & Sweet Potato

Merrick Grain Free Limited Ingredient Diet (canned): Real Chicken, Real Duck, Real Salmon, Real Turkey, Real Tuna

Merrick Purrfect Bistro Grain-Free (dry): Adult (Weight Control, Real Chicken and Sweet Potato), Healthy Senior, Healthy Kitten

Merrick Purrfect Bistro Grain-Free (canned): Chicken Casserole Morsels, Chicken Divan Morsels, Salmon Paté, Tuna Paté

Prescription Diet: a/d, d/d except duck, r/d, s/d, t/d, z/d

Wellness Core Grain-Free (dry): Adult, Indoor, Kitten, Original

Wellness Core Grain-Free Classic Paté (canned): Indoor, Kitten, Whitefish & Salmon & Herring

FISH

Fish food and vacation blocks often contain *chometz*. The following are acceptable: Zoo Med Laboratories Giant Plankton Banquet Block Feeder and Tetra Tropical Slow Release Feeders (Tetra Weekend 5 days, and Tetra Vacation 14 days). Goldfish and tropical fish can be given the following items, provided they do not contain fillers: Tubular worms, frozen brine shrimp, and freeze dried worms.

DOGS

Alpo Chop House (canned): Filet Mignon and Bacon Flavors cooked in Savory Juices, Prime Rib Flavor cooked in Savory Juices, Roasted Chicken and Top Sirloin Flavors cooked in Savory Juices, T-Bone and Ribeye Steak Flavors cooked in Savory Juices

Blue Freedom Grain Free (canned): Chicken Recipe (Small Breed, Puppies), Grillers (Hearty Lamb, Hearty Chicken, Hearty Turkey)

Blue Wilderness Grain Free (canned): Duck & Chicken Grill, Salmon & Chicken Grill, Beef & Chicken Grill, Chicken & Trout Grill

Evangers: When bearing cRc Passover approval

Kirkland (Costco) Natures' Domain (dry): Salmon Meal and Sweet Potato, Turkey Meal and Sweet Potato, Organic Chicken & Pea

Prescription Diet: a/d, d/d, h/d, s/d, u/d, r/d

Wellness Core Grain Free (dry): Ocean, Original, Reduced Fat, Small Breed Original, Senior

Wellness Core Grain Free (canned): Beef & Venison & Lamb, Puppy, Turkey & Chicken Liver & Turkey Liver, Whitefish & Salmon & Herring

Wellness Core Grain Free Ninety Five Percent (canned): Beef with Carrots, Chicken with Broccoli, Turkey with Spinach

BIRDS

(Parrots, Parakeets, Cockatiels, Macaws)

STAR-K would like to express appreciation to Dr. Aaron Weissberg, z"l for his contribution of the following guidelines.

- Millet and sorghum as main diet.
- Peanuts, sunflower seeds, and safflower seeds can be given.
- Larger birds such as parrots can eat pure alfalfa pellets (make sure it is pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains) or dry dog food (see above for list).
- Smaller birds can also have pure alfalfa pellets; crush before feeding.
- Can supplement with cottage cheese, rice cakes (birds like to eat these), small pieces of lean meat, matzah, berries, eggs, canned baby fruits. All large food should be shredded before serving. These items should be given sparingly.
- For minerals, can have oyster shells (calcium) or mineral block.
- The greater the variety, the better.

GECKO

Gecko: Repashy Crested Gecko Meal Replacement Powder

HAMSTERS, GUINEA PIGS, GERBILS & RABBITS

- Best to feed pure alfalfa pellets. Make sure it is pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains. Dried alfalfa may also be given.
- Can supplement with mixture of cut-up fruits and vegetables – carrots, broccoli, apples, melon, kale, parsley, oranges, celery, dry corn, sunflower seeds, cabbage. Can also give some matzah. If not accustomed to these items, give sparingly.
- Guinea pigs especially will benefit from kale, parsley and oranges.
- Hamsters especially will benefit from apples.
- Guinea pigs need Vitamin C added to diet.

ADDITIONAL PET FOOD INFORMATION

- ✦ Mixes sold in stores often contain *chometz*. It is advisable for pet owners to slowly wean their pets off their regular *chometz* pet food diet. This is accomplished by mixing regular and Pesach food between one and two weeks prior to Pesach before switching completely to Pesach food. The ratio of regular and Pesach food should be changed slowly to get the animal used to the new diet. Check with your veterinarian before changing diet.
- ✦ Pure Timothy Hay is not *chometz* and may be used.

**PET STORES IN BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA
WHERE *CHOMETZ* PET FOOD MAY BE PURCHASED
AFTER PESACH**

Petco	Petsmart
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FAQS REGARDING PETS ON PESACH

Rabbi Zvi Goldberg, STAR-K Kashrus Administrator

Q. Are “grain-free” pet foods acceptable?

A. There are many “grain-free” dog and cat foods on the market. While we still recommend checking the ingredient panel on those foods, they are a good place to start your search for an appropriate food.

Q. Is it necessary to buy a new food bowl for your pet for Pesach?

A. No. However, the bowl used year-round should be thoroughly cleaned before Pesach.

Q. If I am going away for Pesach, what should I do with my fish?

A. Vacation blocks often contain *chometz*. One can purchase a block without *chometz* or use an automatic fish feeder and fill it with non-*chometz* food.

Q. During a Pesach visit to the zoo, may one purchase the animal feed?

A. No. This feed is often *chometz* and should not be purchased or fed to the animals during Pesach.

Q. Must pet food with *chometz* be put away and sold before Pesach?

A. Yes.

Q. Can *kitniyos*, such as rice and beans, be fed to animals on Pesach?

A. Yes.

Q. What are some common *chometz* ingredients in pet food?

A. Wheat (cracked, flour, germ, gluten, ground, groats, middlings, starch), barley (cracked, flour), oats (flour, groats, hulled), pasta, rye, and brewer’s dried yeast. Any questionable ingredient should be reviewed by a competent rabbinic authority.

Q. What are some common ingredients which may be *kitniyos* but are permitted in pet food?

A. Beans, buckwheat, brewer’s rice, corn, grain sorghum (milo), millet, peanuts, peas, rice, sesame, soybeans, soy flour, and sunflower.

Q. Is pet food “with gravy” permitted?

A. Most often, gravy contains *chometz*. Read the ingredient panel carefully.

Q. Are the vitamins or minerals in pet food *chometz*?

A. They may be *chometz*, but are *batel* (nullified) due to the small amount added.