

## THURSDAY

### Taanis Bechorim and Bedikas Chometz

In a regular year Taanis Bechorim is on Erev Pesach. This year since Erev Pesach is on Shabbos and you can't fast on Shabbos the fast is moved up to Thursday. Bechorim that are not fasting should attend a Siyum or other Suedas Mitzvah (A Bris Milah or Pidyan H'ben). Participating in a Siyum or Suedas Mitzvah absolves all participants from fasting (this applies only to Taanis Bechorim and no other fast).

### Bedikas Chometz:

Thursday night after dark (tzeis hakochavim) one should immediately do Bedikas Chometz. A Brocho is recited as usual. After finishing the Bedika you should say Kol Chamira as said every year.

## FRIDAY-EREV SHABBOS

### Burning of the Chometz

You should place all the Chometz you need for Friday and Shabbos morning in a secure place. Although you may eat Chometz the entire day the custom is to burn the Chometz by the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> hour as in a regular year (Toronto time **after 10:54 am before 12:09 pm**). The reason why we burn it the same time as in a regular year and not the entire day is so that we don't get confused in future years to burn it in the afternoon. **Kol Chamirah is not said Friday after burning of the Chometz.** Kol Chamirah is said Shabbos morning.

### Kashering

Preferably you should Kasher all Keilim before the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> hour as in regular years (**10:54 am**). However, if you didn't, you may Kasher until Shabbos.

### Preparing for the Seder

The following preparations for the Seder should be done on Friday

- ◆ Roast the egg and Z'roah.
- ◆ Check and clean the lettuce
- ◆ Prepare the Moror (grate the horseradish).
- ◆ Prepare the Charoses.
- ◆ Make the salt water.
- ◆ If possible, you can prepare the Seder table.

### Other Preparations

- ◆ You should cut dental floss to be able floss your teeth on Shabbos morning after eating Chometz.
- ◆ You should lock up all the cupboards.

### Food for Shabbos and Yom Tov

You should cook only Kosher L'Pesach food for Shabbos in Kosher L'Pesach pots. You should not make the Cholent with barley.

### Friday afternoon

In a regular year you may not have a haircut, shave or do laundry Erev Pesach after Chatzos. This year since Friday is not Erev Pesach this does not apply.

## FRIDAY NIGHT AND SHABBOS MORNING

Beside for HaMotze you should only eat Pesachdik food eaten on Pesachdik utensils. The Pesachdik utensils should only be brought to the table after all the Chometz has been removed. It is preferable to use disposable utensils. It is best to get three small rolls the size of an egg (or an amount you are sure you can eat) for each person (some prefer bagels or pitta that make less crumbs). Fresh rolls make fewer crumbs.

The way to eat the Hamotzi is as follows;

- ◆ Put a plastic tablecloth on the table. Don't bring the plates or cutlery until after you have eaten the Chometz.
- ◆ Wrap up the napkins/tissues and flush them down the toilet.
- ◆ Make sure there no crumbs on the table.
- ◆ Remove the plastic tablecloth and put it in the garbage.
- ◆ Rinse your mouth to remove any Chometz remaining in your mouth.
- ◆ Continue eating the Kosher L'Pesach meal on disposable dishes.

If one is concerned with eating Chometz indoors one may make Kiddush and eat the Chometz outdoors on the deck or in the backyard. You should sweep the crumbs off the table and deck. Preferably you should eat over a napkin/tissue and wrap up the napkin/tissue and flush it down the toilet. You may continue the meal inside. You should Bentch where you ate the Chometz.

### Eating Egg Matzo

If one is concerned to eat Chometz or for children, you may use egg Matzo. Preferably you should use egg Matzo made with grape juice. When using egg Matzo you should eat two Matzos (you have to eat 4 Bazim (eggs) to say HaMotze).

### Shabbos morning

The custom is to daven early Shabbos to be able to eat the two Shabbos meals before the Sof Achilas Chometz. In Toronto the **Sof Zman Achilas Chometz is 10:54 am.**

After disposing of the Chometz everyone should say Kol Chamira that we usually say after burning the Chometz.

### Shabbos Meals

On Shabbos day we eat two meals one in the morning and one in the afternoon after Mincha.

Since you should preferably wash and eat Challah each meal, on Shabbos Erev Pesach what should we do?

You have a few options

- 1) The preferable way is to divide the morning meal into two in the following way;
  - ◆ Wash, make HaMotze eat part of the meal (e.g. have fish) and Bentch
  - ◆ After waiting half an hour (or going for walk) wash, make HaMotze and finish eating the Chometz before Sof Zman Achilas Chometz (In Toronto 10:54 am). You may continue eating the Kosher L'Pesach meal after that time and Bentch.
- 2) For those that eat Gebrochts one can eat the Chometz for the first meal before the Sof Zman Achilas Chometz (10:54am) and to fulfill the obligation to eat the third meal, eat in the afternoon for Sholosh Suedas foods that are cooked with Matzo meal (only cooked, not baked) for example Kneidelach as well as meat, vegetables etc.. You do not make HaMotze nor Birchas H'Mozon. **This meal should be eaten before 4:30pm.**
- 3) For those that do not eat Gebrochts one should eat fish, fruits, or Shehakol cake. If you eat these foods after 4:30pm (in Toronto) you should not eat too much in order to be able to have an appetite to eat by the Seder.

If you divide the morning meal into two, you should do option 2 or 3 to be Yotze eating Sholosh Suedas in the afternoon.

### Preparing for the Seder

You may not prepare for the Seder on Shabbos. You may not set the table etc. on Shabbos.

When going to sleep on Shabbos, you should not say you are going to sleep in order to be up for the Seder.

If you didn't prepare the Z'roah or egg before Shabbos you have to eat the Z'roah and egg on the first day and roast another Z'roah and egg the second night.

### Motzoei Shabbos

We say Kiddush and Havdolah together (Yaknahaz) by the Seder.

### Important Deadlines (All times are for Toronto)

- 1) No Chometz may be eaten after 10:54 am Shabbos morning.
- 2) **All leftover Chometz should be flushed down the toilet by 12:09 pm.**
- 3) Say Kol Chamirah Shabbos morning after disposing of the Chometz. Make sure to say it before 12:09pm.
- 4) Floss your teeth with the floss prepared on Friday. If you designate a toothbrush on Friday you may use it without toothpaste and water. After using it you put it away with the Chometz.