

PESACH PREPARATION

RABBI TZVI YAAKOV STEIN

CLEANING

- ✦ Parts of the house that will be sold don't need to be cleaned¹.
- ✦ If your minhag is not to sell real chametz, the parts of the house that are being sold should be perfunctorily checked for real chametz.
- ✦ Individual shelves in closets, refrigerators, etc., can be covered and sold to the non-Jew.
- ✦ There is a disagreement if there is a requirement to clean/check for crumbs. Therefore, one should try and be strict and clean/check for them².
- ✦ According to all opinions, crumbs on the floor, and certainly in between the cracks of the floors and walls, etc., are not a problem³.
- ✦ Any part of the house that's cleaned with cleansers that have chemicals in them no longer needs to be checked for pieces of chametz smaller than the size of an olive⁴.
- ✦ Any places in the house that are difficult to get to can be sprayed with a chemical cleanser and that's sufficient⁵.
- ✦ Cleaning is not necessary behind items that are not normally moved. This is because even if there is chametz behind it, there's no chance that it will be eaten. Examples are: refrigerators, ovens, washing machines, breakfronts, etc.⁶
- ✦ Floors need to be mopped. Nothing more than that is necessary⁷.
- ✦ Carpets need to be vacuumed. No more than that is necessary.
- ✦ Furniture needs to be brushed clean. If there are pillows, etc., they should be removed and checked.
- ✦ Clothing that won't be sold on Pesach which have pockets need to be checked⁸. If the clothes were dry cleaned or washed with detergent, then they only need to be checked for larger pieces of chametz, not for crumbs⁹.
- ✦ Sefarim don't need to be checked for chametz unless they will be brought to the table on Pesach¹⁰.
- ✦ Bentchers (Birchas Hamazon) which are used year round shouldn't be used on Pesach.
- ✦ Children's toys need to be checked and should preferably be washed.
- ✦ The vacuum cleaner bag must be thrown out.

- ✦ Brooms must be cleaned¹¹. Many buy new brooms.
- ✦ Cars must be cleaned, including under and in between the seats. Areas that are not reachable can be sprayed with a chemical spray.
- ✦ Crumbs on the floor of the car are not a problem¹².
- ✦ Only places in the house that food is normally brought in to require checking. For example, if you never bring food into the bedrooms then it doesn't require cleaning or bedikas chametz¹³.
- ✦ If there are children in the household, there is a concern that food can be anywhere, and therefore everything in the house requires cleaning/bedikah.

KASHERING

- ✦ Refrigerator must be cleaned well including the hard-to-reach areas¹⁴.
- ✦ Lining the shelves of the refrigerator is not required but many have the minhag to line them.
- ✦ The ice maker should be cleaned extremely well, otherwise should not be used over Pesach.
- ✦ The area directly above the stovetop (range, hood, etc.) should preferably be covered with foil¹⁵. If not, it must be cleaned extremely well¹⁶.
- ✦ The area under the cabinets that are above the countertops where hot food is placed should preferably be covered with foil.
- ✦ Cabinets should be wiped down. Many have the minhag to line the shelves.
- ✦ Tables that will be used with hot food should be lined with something that has some thickness to it. This can be done for countertops too¹⁷.
- ✦ Tablecloths and towels used year-round can be used but they should first be washed with hot water and detergent¹⁸.
- ✦ Coffeemakers, Keurig machines, urns, etc., that are used near chametz should preferably not be kashered.
- ✦ Water coolers that have chametz near them during the year should preferably not be used. Otherwise, clean well and use.
- ✦ Microwaves should preferably not be kashered for Pesach. If necessary, you can kasher a microwave the following way: Clean it well, make sure it hasn't been used for twenty-four hours, then boil water in it until it fogs up¹⁹.

The glass dish cannot be used.

- ✦ Microwave/convection ovens can be kashered but it's complicated. A shailah should be asked.
- ✦ Kashering Utensils: Clean well²⁰, and wait twenty-four hours from its last use.²¹ Place into boiling water in a pot that wasn't used in the past twenty-four hours²² and wait for the water to reboil²³. Take it out and rinse it under cold water²⁴. Any clean pot that wasn't used in the past twenty-four hours can be used, but many have the minhag to kasher the pot first²⁵.
- ✦ Kashering Counters: Clean counters well, and don't use with hot food for twenty-four hours. Make sure the surface is dry and pour boiling hot water over the entire counter²⁶. Make sure that every spot gets hit with water from the initial pouring²⁷. Alternatively, pour hot water and then iron the entire surface²⁸. Any clean pot that wasn't used in the past twenty-four hours can be used, but many have the minhag to kasher the pot first²⁹.
- ✦ Countertops can also be covered with something thick and then they don't need kashering³⁰.
- ✦ Kashering the Stovetop: Place a large pot or heavy-duty aluminum foil on each burner individually, preferably covering the entire burner (so the fire spreads as far as possible). Then turn each burner on high for twenty minutes (don't turn on all the burners at the same time)³¹. Cover the drip pan (the area in between the burners) with heavy duty aluminum foil for the duration of Pesach. You don't have to wait twenty-four hours before kashering.
- ✦ Glass Stovetops: The actual burner area is kashered after turning on high for fifteen minutes. The areas in between the burners can't be kashered. Covering those areas may break the glass. The best thing to do is to get metal trivets and put them around each burner so that the pot rests on them and not on the glass.
- ✦ Kashering an Oven: For self-clean ovens, turn on self-clean for the length of a cycle³². For non-self-clean oven, clean very well³³ and turn it on high for an hour³⁴. It's preferable to cover the inside of the oven door and preferably use foil on the grates throughout Pesach³⁵.
- ✦ Anything being kashered with fire (not water) doesn't require a twenty-four hour wait before kashered³⁶.
- ✦ Warming drawers can't be kashered. If necessary, ask a shailah.
- ✦ Hotplates and blechs should preferably not be used. If necessary, ask a shailah.
- ✦ Kashering Stainless Steel Sinks : Don't use the sink with anything hot for twenty-four hours. Clean well and dry. Starting at the drain, pour boiling hot water over the

entire sink. Make sure that every spot gets hit with water from the initial pouring³⁷. Alternatively, hot water can be poured in to sink and a hot iron can be passed all around the bottom of the sink. (It is not necessary to iron the sink walls³⁸). Pour boiling water over the spout. Any clean pot that wasn't used in the past twenty-four hours can be used, but many have the minhag to kasher the pot first.

- ✦ From Star-K: Barbeque Grill: the grates of a barbecue grill must be kashered with libun gamur, which is not recommended to be done by the average consumer. If a person purchases separate grates for Pesach, the rest of the grill can be kashered with libun kal, which can be accomplished relatively easily, as follows: If the grill comes with a cover, light the grill with coals or gas, close the cover, and allow it to burn on its highest setting for an hour. If the grill does not have a cover, follow the same procedure, but make sure that all surfaces of the grill are covered with coals. As with all items being kashered, it is crucial that the grill be cleaned thoroughly of all food residue, which is often difficult in a barbeque grill. In fact, if the grill has too many holes, cracks, and crevices where food may get trapped, one should refrain from kashering the grill at all.
- ✦ Pacifiers, bottles, bibs, etc., that are used and washed with chametz should be put away and new ones should be used for Pesach.
- ✦ Expensive bottles, for example, for nursing pumps, can be kashered as described above.
- ✦ Highchairs should be cleaned and sprayed extremely well, and the tray should be covered with contact paper.
- ✦ Crockpots cannot be kashered³⁹.
- ✦ Food processor/mixer cannot be kashered.
- ✦ Indoor/George Foreman grills, etc., cannot be kashered.
- ✦ Rings and other pieces of jewelry that go on the hand should preferably be kashered, and at the minimum should be sprayed with cleanser and cleaned very well⁴⁰.
- ✦ Braces/dentures/retainers should be cleaned well. Preferably don't eat hot chametz within twenty-four hours of zman issur chametz⁴¹.
- ✦ For those that can afford it, kashering shouldn't be relied upon, and special Pesach utensils should be used⁴².

SELLING OF THE CHAMETZ

- ✦ Everyone is required to sell their chametz to a non-Jew because nowadays there are many things that have chametz in them that we may not be aware of⁴³.
- ✦ If you can't, or don't want to, clean certain areas or rooms, then they can be sold to the non-Jew. Since they belong

to a non-jew on Pesach and they don't belong to you they don't require cleaning⁴⁴.

- ✦ Because the procedure is complicated, the sale should only be done through a rav.
- ✦ Have in mind that you're not only selling the chametz that you're aware of, but you're also selling any chametz that you may have anywhere in the world.
- ✦ Since we're not allowed to have chametz of a non-Jew in our houses, we also must sell or rent the places where the chametz is located to the non-Jew⁴⁵.
- ✦ The rav will usually require a signature on the document in addition to the seller picking up something that belongs to the rav (usually a handkerchief, or a pen, etc.) and in exchange give the rav the authority to sell his chametz. This is why selling the chametz in person is better than via email.
- ✦ The rav is not acquiring your chametz. He's just agreeing to sell it or get rid of it for you.

- ✦ If you're traveling east for Pesach, and therefore Pesach will come earlier for you, then you must notify the rav so that he can sell your chametz at an earlier time⁴⁶.
- ✦ According to the halachah, all chametz can be sold for Pesach. However, many are strict not to sell chametz gamur (real chametz). This is a chumrah. Here's a basic list from Star-K website: Chametz Gamur: Beer, bread, cake, cereal with wheat, oats, or barley, cookies, cream of wheat, couscous, farfel, licorice, malt extract, all oatmeals, oat flour, pasta, pretzels, rolled oats, soy sauce, wheat gluten/wheat protein. Not Chametz Gamur: barley (pearled, raw, and packaged), dry cake mixes, glue, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, mustard, pickles, corn flakes, cosmetics, extracts, flour, food coloring, gefilte fish, kitniyos, matzah/matza meal that's not kosher for Pesach, medicines with chametz in them, modified food starch, Rice Krispies, salad dressing, vanillin, vinegar, vitamins, wheat germ, yeast, whisky (some sell it some don't).

1. שולחן ערוך (אורח חיים סימן תמוח סעיף ג)	17. משנה ברורה (סימן תנא סעיף קטן קטו)	33. קובץ הלכות (פרק יא סעיף כג)
2. משנה ברורה (סימן תמוב סעיף קטן לג)	18. דעת תורה (סימן תנא סעיף יח)	34. תשובות והנהגות (חלק א סימן קל)
3. ארחות רבינו (פסח אות ט)	19. שו"ת להורות נתן (חלק ז סימן סב)	35. מקדש ישראל (חלק א סימן שצה)
4. קובץ הלכות (פרק ו סעיף לב)	20. שולחן ערוך (אורח חיים סימן תנא סעיף ג)	36. דרכי משה (יורה דעה סימן קכא סעיף קטן טו)
5. קובץ הלכות (פרק ו סעיף לב)	21. רמ"א (אורח חיים סימן תנב סעיף ב)	37. קובץ הלכות (פרק יא הערה טו)
6. חוט שני (פרק ב סעיף קטן יא)	22. משנה ברורה (סימן תנב סעיף קטן יח)	38. מפי הגר"ד הרפנס שליט"א
7. ארחות רבינו (פסח אות ט)	23. משנה ברורה (סימן תנב סעיף קטן ח)	39. שולחן ערוך (אורח חיים סימן תנא סעיף א)
8. רמ"א (אורח חיים סימן תלג סעיף יא)	24. שולחן ערוך (אורח חיים סימן תנב סעיף ז)	40. נטעי גבריאל (פרק סד סעיף כד)
9. אשרי האיש (פרק נד סעיף ה)	25. קובץ הלכות (פרק יא סעיף ד)	41. קובץ הלכות (פרק יא סעיף כז)
10. קובץ הלכות (פרק ו סעיף יח)	26. משנה ברורה (סימן תנב סעיף קטן כ)	42. אשל אברהם (סימן תנא סעיף כא)
11. חוט שני (פרק ד עמ' פז)	27. קובץ הלכות (פרק יא הערה טו)	43. קובץ הלכות (פרק ח הערה א)
12. משנה ברורה (סימן תמוב סעיף קטן טו)	28. מקדש ישראל (חלק א סימן שצט)	44. שולחן ערוך (אורח חיים סימן תמוח סעיף ג)
13. שולחן ערוך (אורח חיים סימן תלג סעיף ג)	29. קובץ הלכות (פרק יא סעיף ד)	45. משנה ברורה (סימן תמוח סעיף קטן יב)
14. חוט שני (פרק ד עמ' פו)	30. מהרי"ל (הלכות הגעלה סימן יב)	46. שו"ת אגרות משה (חלק ד סימן צד)
15. מגן אברהם (סימן תנא סעיף קטן מד)	31. אגרות משה (יורה דעה חלק א סימן נט)	
16. קובץ הלכות (פרק יא סעיף כה)	32. קובץ הלכות (פרק יא סעיף כג)	

VACATION HOTELS/HOMES ON PESACH

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BEDIKAS CHAMETZ WHEN LEAVING HOME BEFORE PESACH

WHEN LEAVING FOR THE ENTIRE PESACH BEFORE THE NIGHT OF BEDIKAS CHAMETZ (FOURTEENTH NIGHT OF NISSAN): Three options:

1. Sell the entire house/apartment to the goy except for one room, and do bedikas chametz in that room the night before leaving without a brachah.
2. Sell the entire house/apartment to the goy. Rent the room where you are going to be staying on the night of bedikas chametz from the owner. This requires you to check the room that night with a brachah.
3. Do both of the above.

WHEN LEAVING FOR THE ENTIRE PESACH AFTER THE NIGHT OF BEDIKAS CHAMETZ (FOURTEENTH NIGHT OF NISSAN):

- ✦ The entire house/apartment should be sold to the goy except for one room, and bedikas chametz should be done in that room on the night of the fourteenth with a brachah.

LEAVING FOR THE ENTIRE PESACH BUT LENDING OUT THE HOUSE/APARTMENT:

- 1) All closets, dressers, cabinets, etc., can be sold to the goy. 2) They must be clearly marked with tape, etc., that they are sold. 3) Floors, countertops, etc., should be cleaned. 4) Bedikas chametz should be done the night before leaving the house/apartment, as above. Alternatively, the guest can do bedikas chametz.
- ✦ Bedikas chametz should be done in the hotel room on the night of the fourteenth¹. If one brought chametz into the room before evening, then a brachah is recited on the bedikah².
 - ✦ If one arrives on Erev Pesach, he should inquire if bedikas chametz was done in the rooms. If it wasn't, then a bedikah should be done without a brachah³.
 - ✦ If there's food for sale in the room, the hotel should be asked to remove it, or they should be told that you take absolutely no responsibility for the food.

BEDIKAS CHAMETZ DURING PESACH

- ✦ One is not allowed to live on Pesach in a place where bedikas chametz was not done⁴.
- ✦ This is because we may forget that it's Pesach and we may

come to eat the chametz that may be found there⁵.

- ✦ Therefore, when moving into a hotel/rental-home during Pesach, bedikas chametz must be done immediately (even during the day)⁶ without a brachah.
- ✦ If chametz is found, it must be disposed of immediately. Either by fire or by disposing of it in the bathroom⁷.
- ✦ If there's food for sale in the room, the hotel should be asked to remove it, or they should be told that you take absolutely no responsibility for the food.
- ✦ Spices, etc., that are in the house may not be used.

KASHERING DURING PESACH

- ✦ According to Ashkenazim, kashering with boiling water is not permitted on Pesach⁸. Sephardim may kasher with boiling water⁹.
- ✦ Therefore, for Ashkenazim, the countertops and sinks cannot be kashered and must be covered¹⁰.
- ✦ Tables should be covered with something thick. If there's nothing thick available, then at least two coverings should be put on the table.
- ✦ Water from the kitchen sinks shouldn't be used for cooking. Bottled water, or water from the bathroom sink, should be used.
- ✦ Microwaves should not be kashered. If necessary, ask a shailah.
- ✦ Kashering with libun gamur is permitted on Pesach¹¹. This is by heating metal up until it gets white hot.
- ✦ Therefore, kashering a self-clean oven is permitted on Pesach¹².
- ✦ One does not have to wait 24 hours before kashering with libun gamur¹³.
- ✦ If there's no self-clean option, ask a shailah.
- ✦ The stovetop can be kashered with fire in the standard way (below).
- ✦ Kashering a Stovetop: 1) place a large pot or heavy-duty aluminum foil on each burner individually, preferably covering the entire burner (so the fire spreads as far as possible). 2) Turn each burner on high for 20 minutes (don't turn on all the burners at the same time)¹⁴. 3) Cover the drip pan (the area in between the burners) with heavy-duty aluminum foil for the duration of Pesach. You don't have to wait 24 hours before kashering.

- ✦ **Glass Stovetops:** The actual burner area is kashered after turning it on high for fifteen minutes. The areas in between the burners cannot be kashered. Covering those areas may break the glass, so the best thing is to get metal trivets and put them around each burner so that the pot rests on them and not on the glass.
- ✦ **Barbeque Grill.** From the Star-K website: The grates of a barbecue grill must be kashered with libun gamur, which is not recommended for the average consumer. If a person purchases separate grates for Pesach, the rest of the grill can be kashered with libun kal, which can be accomplished relatively easily, as follows: If the grill comes with a cover, light the grill with coals or gas, close the cover, and allow it to burn on its highest setting for an hour. If the grill does not have a cover, follow the same procedure, but make sure that all surfaces of the grill are covered with coals. As with all items being kashered, it is crucial that the grill be cleaned thoroughly of all food residue, which is often a particular difficulty in a barbeque grill. In fact, if the grill

has too many holes, cracks, and crevices where food may get trapped, one should refrain from kashering the grill at all.

- ✦ A can opener should not be used.
- ✦ A corkscrew can be used if it is extremely clean.

TEVILAS KEILIM

- ✦ Disposable utensils (tin pans, disposable grills, etc.,) do not need tevilah, even if they will be used multiple times¹⁵
- ✦ Non-disposable utensils need tevilah even if they will only be used once¹⁶.
- ✦ When buying utensils that require tevilah and there isn't any mikvah around, have in mind not to halachically acquire the utensils. They will then still belong to goy and won't require tevilah¹⁷. This is only a short-term solution. Long-term¹⁸ they will need tevilah.
- ✦ Toiveling utensils in a lake may be problematic because it's kashrus as a mikvah depends on the water source¹⁹.

- .15 שו"ת אגרות משה (יורה דעה חלק ג סימן כג)
- .16 טור (יורה דעה סוף סימן קכ)
- .17 שולחן ערוך (יורה דעה סימן קכ סעיף טז)
- .18 ט"ז (יורה דעה סימן קכ סעיף קטן יח)
- .19 שולחן ערוך (יורה דעה סעיף ב)

- .8 רמ"א (סימן תנב סעיף א)
- .9 שולחן ערוך (סימן תנב סעיף א)
- .10 מהר"ל (הלכות הגעלה סימן יב)
- .11 רמ"א (סימן תנב סעיף א)
- .12 קובץ הלכות (פרק יא סעיף כג)
- .13 דרכי משה (יורה דעה סימן קכא סעיף קטן טו)
- .14 אגרות משה (יורה דעה חלק א סימן נט)

- .1 שולחן ערוך (סימן תלז סעיף א)
- .2 קובץ הלכות (פרק ז סעיף ו)
- .3 שולחן ערוך (סימן תלז סעיף ב)
- .4 מקור חיים (סימן תלז סעיף קטן ז)
- .5 מקור חיים (סימן תלז סעיף קטן ז)
- .6 שולחן ערוך (סימן תלה סעיף א)
- .7 שולחן ערוך (סימן תמו סעיף א)

BEDIKAS CHAMETZ - EREV PESACH

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- ✦ The night before Pesach, any places that will be lived in on Pesach must be checked for chametz¹.
- ✦ Cleaning should be done before bedikas chametz, not during bedikas chametz.
- ✦ Bedikas chametz should be done immediately after nightfall².
- ✦ No eating a meal, learning, or any other activities, until after bedikas chametz is done³.
- ✦ Eating a snack is permitted⁴.
- ✦ Ma'ariv can be davened either before or after doing bedikas chametz⁵.
- ✦ The brachah should be said while holding the candle. After checking any part of the house with the candle, switch to a flashlight⁶.
- ✦ There should be no talking until after the entire bedikas chametz is completed and Kol Chamirah is said⁷.
- ✦ Talking for bedikas chametz necessities is permitted⁸.
- ✦ If the brachah was forgotten, then it can still be made until the bedikah is completed⁹.
- ✦ If the brachah was forgotten until after bedikas chametz was completed, a brachah can be made the next day before burning the chametz¹⁰.
- ✦ The minhag is for someone to put out ten pieces of bread to be searched for during the bedikah¹¹.
- ✦ Any place that food could have potentially been brought into needs to be checked¹².
- ✦ If one forgot to do bedikas chametz and isn't home, or is unable to do bedikas chametz, then an agent can be used to check on his behalf¹³.
- ✦ If one forgot to, or is unable to, do bedikas chametz at night, then it should be done the next day with a brachah¹⁴.
- ✦ After completing bedikas chametz, bittul chametz should be done¹⁵.
- ✦ Bittul is the process of renouncing ownership of and nullifying any chametz that one may have, wherever it may be.
- ✦ You must understand what you're saying when nullifying the chametz¹⁶.
- ✦ There's an additional bittul chametz in the morning after burning the chametz¹⁷.
- ✦ If checking the entire house will be difficult to do at one time, parts of the house can be done on the nights leading

up to Erev Pesach. No brachah is made and no bread needs to be put out. Make sure to leave over at least one room in the house for the night of Erev Pesach so that a brachah can be made on that bedikas chametz¹⁸.

BEDIKAS CHAMETZ FOR THOSE THAT WILL NOT BE HOME FOR PESACH

Leaving For The Entire Pesach Before The Night Of Bedikas Chametz (Fourteenth Night Of Nissan):

Three options:

- ✦ Sell the entire house/apartment to the goy except for one room. In that room, do bedikas chametz the night before you leave without a brachah.
- ✦ Sell the entire house/apartment to the goy. Rent the room where you are going to be staying on bedikas chametz night from the owner. This will require you to check it that night. A brachah can be said on this bedikah.
- ✦ Do both of the above options.

Leaving For The Entire Pesach After The Night Of Bedikas Chametz (Fourteenth Night Of Nissan):

- ✦ The entire house/apartment can be sold to the goy except for one room. Bedikas chametz should be made in that room on the night of the fourteenth with a brachah.

Leaving For The Entire Pesach But Lending Out The House/Apartment:

- ✦ All closets, dressers, cabinets, etc., can be sold to the goy.
- ✦ They must be clearly marked with tape, etc., that they are sold.
- ✦ Floors, countertops, etc., should be cleaned.
- ✦ Bedikas chametz should be done the night before leaving the house/apartment, as above.

BURNING THE CHAMETZ

- ✦ The chametz can be burned at night but the minhag is to burn it during the day¹⁹.
- ✦ The chametz should be burned by the end of the fifth hour into the day²⁰.
- ✦ The chametz should be burned until its charred²¹.
- ✦ Chametz should preferably not be placed into garbage cans that won't be picked up before six hours into the day.
- ✦ The additional bittul chametz should be done before the

end of the fifth hour²².

EREV PESACH

- Shaving, haircuts, and cutting nails should be completed before chatzos²³.
- If one forgot, then a goy can give him a haircut²⁴.
- If a goy isn't available, he can do it himself²⁵.
- If nails weren't cut before chatzos, they can be cut after²⁶.
- No melachah should be done after chatzos (like Chol Hamoed)²⁷.
- The same heterim that permit melachah on Chol Hamoed apply on Erev Pesach after chatzos²⁸.
- A goy can do melachah for you²⁹.
- Regular business is permitted³⁰.
- Laundry shouldn't be done after chatzos, unless it's necessary for Yom Tov³¹.
- Fixing/sewing clothing or buttons, ironing, and shining shoes are permitted³².
- Matzah is not allowed to be eaten starting from the evening of Erev Pesach³³.

- Matzah balls, and any other cooked matzah, is permitted³⁴.
- Cakes and cookies made with matzah meal should preferably not be eaten³⁵.
- Kitniyos should not be eaten on Erev Pesach³⁶.
- "Gebrochts" may be eaten on Erev Pesach³⁷.
- The table should be set before Yom Tov³⁸.

AT THE SEDER

- The minhag is not to eat roasted meat or chicken on the Seder night³⁹.
- This includes pot roast⁴⁰.
- Roasted and then cooked in liquid is allowed⁴¹.
- Cooked and then roasted is not preferable unless necessary⁴².
- Fish and eggs can be roasted⁴³.
- Baked or smoked meat and chicken is not allowed⁴⁴.
- Cooked is allowed if it has a quarter of an inch of liquid⁴⁵.
- Frying is not preferable unless it has a lot of oil⁴⁶.
- Roasted meat and chicken during the day is fine.

משנה ברורה (סימן תסח סעיף קטן ח)	.32	רמ"א (סימן תלד סעיף ב)	.16	שולחן ערוך (סימן תלא סעיף א)	.1
שולחן ערוך (סימן תעא סעיף ב)	.33	שולחן ערוך (סימן תלד סעיף ב)	.17	משנה ברורה (סימן תלא סעיף קטן א)	.2
משנה ברורה (סימן תעא סעיף קטן כ)	.34	שולחן ערוך הרב (סימן תלג סעיף ו)	.18	שולחן ערוך (סימן תלא סעיף ב)	.3
שיעורי הלכה (פרק ה סעיף ה)	.35	רמ"א (סימן תמה סעיף א)	.19	משנה ברורה (סימן תלא סעיף קטן ו)	.4
שיעורי הלכה (פרק ה סעיף ה)	.36	משנה ברורה (סימן תמה סעיף קטן ז)	.20	משנה ברורה (סימן תלא סעיף קטן ח)	.5
שערים מצוינים בהלכה (סימן קטו סעיף קטן ז)	.37	משנה ברורה (סימן תמה סעיף קטן א)	.21	שיעורי הלכה (פרק א סעיף א)	.6
שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף א)	.38	שולחן ערוך (סימן תלד סעיף ב)	.22	קובץ הלכות (פרק ה סעיף י)	.7
שו"ע ס' תע"ו סע'	.39	שולחן ערוך (סימן תסח סעיף א)	.23	משנה ברורה (סימן תלב סעיף קטן ו)	.8
מ"ב שם ס"ק א'	.40	משנה ברורה (סימן תסח סעיף קטן ד)	.24	רמ"א (סימן תלב סעיף א)	.9
שם במ"ב	.41	שערים מצוינים בהלכה (סימן קיג סעיף קטן ו)	.25	משנה ברורה (סימן תלב סעיף קטן ד)	.10
מ"ב שם	.42	שער הציון (סימן תסח סעיף קטן ז)	.26	רמ"א (סימן תלב סעיף ב)	.11
שו"ע שם סע' ב'	.43	שולחן ערוך (סימן תסח סעיף א)	.27	שולחן ערוך (סימן תלג סעיף ג)	.12
סידור פסח כהלכתו פ"י	.44	משנה ברורה (סימן תסח סעיף קטן ז)	.28	שולחן ערוך (סימן תלב סעיף ב) ומשנה ברורה (סעיף קטן י)	.13
Star-K	.45	שולחן ערוך (סימן תסח סעיף א)	.29	שולחן ערוך (סימן תלה סעיף א)	.14
שבט הלוי ח"ט ס' ק"כ	.46	קובץ הלכות (פרק יד סעיף יג)	.30	שולחן ערוך (סימן תלד סעיף ב)	.15
		קובץ הלכות (פרק יד סעיף ח)	.31		

WHEN EREV PESACH FALLS ON SHABBOS

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EREV SHABBOS

- ✦ Taanis Bechoros takes place on Thursday, so any siyum or seudas mitzvah be held on Thursday, as well¹.
- ✦ Bedikas chametz takes place on Thursday night². The procedure is the same as any other year, including being mevatel the chametz³.
- ✦ Chametz is burned on Friday morning at the same time as any other year, four hours into the day⁴.
- ✦ If it wasn't possible to burn the chametz at the proper time, it may be burned throughout the entire Friday.
- ✦ Bitul chametz (כל חמירא) is not said when burning the chametz on Friday, because chametz can be eaten until Shabbos morning⁵.
- ✦ Chametz can be eaten up until the set time on Shabbos morning.
- ✦ After eating chametz, it is preferable to wash out one's mouth, and/or brush his teeth with a dry toothbrush, and/or use precut dental floss⁶.
- ✦ If, for whatever reason, the chametz wasn't burned before Shabbos, it should be disposed of in the bathroom⁷.
- ✦ On a year when Erev Pesach is a weekday, מזמור לתורה and למנוח are not said. Since this year erev Pesach does not fall out on a weekday, they are said⁸.
- ✦ Haircuts, shaving, and cutting nails are allowed the entire Friday because Friday is not really Erev Pesach⁹.

SHABBOS

- ✦ Although chametzdik food may be eaten on Shabbos, most of Klal Yisroel has the minhag to not eat Chametz, other than Challah, on Shabbos.
- ✦ One must remember to say kol chamira on Shabbos morning¹⁰.
- ✦ No preparations for the Seder may be done on Shabbos. Therefore, one should try to set up the tables, pillows etc. that will be used for the Seder on Friday. That way, one will be able

to start the Seder as soon as possible on Motzai Shabbos¹¹.

- ✦ It is preferable not to say that one is taking a nap on Shabbos in order to have energy for the Seder. However, children may be told that they should take a nap so that they can have strength for the Seder¹².

SHALOSH SEUDOS

- ✦ The best way to eat two meals on Shabbos day:
 - 1) One should daven early on Shabbos morning¹³.
 - 2) One should make kiddush and eat the challah and fish etc.
 - 3) Birchas Hamazon should be said to end the seudah¹⁴.
 - 4) One should take a walk, or go learn, etc. for twenty minutes to a half hour to separate the seudos¹⁵.
(If there is not enough time to have two meals in this span of time, waiting less than twenty minutes between the seudos is also acceptable.¹⁶)
 - 5) One should wash again and eat challah until the set time to finish eating chametz. They should then dispose of any crumbs, etc. in the bathroom¹⁷.
 - 6) After mincha, one should eat some fish, meat, or fruit in order to satisfy the opinions that Shalosh Seudos should take place after mincha. One should be sure not to overeat so that he will be somewhat hungry for the Seder¹⁸.
- ✦ Matza in a plastic bag may be used for lechem Mishna .
- ✦ There are opinions who hold that egg matza may be eaten on erev pesach instead of challah. If one holds like this, it still should not be eaten with Pesachdik utensils¹⁹.
- ✦ If one will be eating egg matzah instead of challah, each person must eat at least two full matzos at each meal for it to be considered a seudah that requires Birchas Hamazon
- ✦ There is an option to make Kiddush and Hamotzi on a porch/yard, and then continue the seudah inside. However, there are many halachic issues that arise when doing this.

מגן אברהם סימן תמד, ס"ק א	.14	ייטב פנים דיני ע"פ בשבת אות ב	.8	שלחן ערוך אורח חיים סימן תע סעיף ב	.1
חזון איש מכתבים סימן קפח	.15	חק לישראל להגר"י וועלץ, אות יא	.9	שלחן ערוך אורח חיים סימן תמד סעיף א	.2
דיני ער"פ בשבת להגר"י כהן פרק כ"א, הערה כו	.16	שלחן ערוך אורח חיים סימן תמד, סעיף ו	.10	משנה ברורה סימן תמד ס"ק א	.3
חק לישראל להגר"י וועלץ אות כז-לא	.17	קונטרס ער"פ שחל בשבת להגר"מ שטרנבוך, אות יב	.11	שלחן ערוך אורח חיים סימן תמד סעיף ב	.4
משנה ברורה סימן תמד ס"ק ח	.18	נטעי גבריאלי דיני ער"פ שחל בשבת, פרק לז, ח	.12	משנה ברורה סימן תמד ס"ק י	.5
ראה נטעי גבריאלי דיני ער"פ בשבת סימן יח	.19	מהרי"ל הל' ערב פסח, יא	.13	נטעי גבריאלי דיני ער"פ שחל בשבת, פרק כה, ה	.6
				חק לישראל להגר"י וועלץ אות לא	.7

SEDER

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PRE-SEDER

- ✦ Start the Seder as soon as possible.¹
- ✦ The simanim of the Seder should be said before each siman. Ex. “Kadesh” before Kadesh, “Urchatz” before Urchatz, etc.²

KADESH קדש

- ✦ If possible³, someone else should pour the wine for the leader of the Seder.⁴
- ✦ Before Kiddush, everyone should be reminded that there are three mitzvos being performed⁵.
 1. Kiddush (sanctifying the day).
 2. Remembering Yetzias Mitzrayim .
 3. The mitzvah d’Rabbanan of drinking the first cup.
- ✦ Everyone should also be reminded that at least a cheek-full of wine should be drunk.⁶
- ✦ Measurements of a revi’is for the four cups of wine:
 - ✦ Recommended is 5.2 oz.⁷
 - ✦ 3.3 oz is also good.⁸
 - ✦ In case of necessity 2.9 oz is enough.⁹
- ✦ Amount to drink in order of preference:
 - ✦ Entire cup, no matter the size.¹⁰
 - ✦ Most of the cup, no matter the size.¹¹
 - ✦ A revi’is (measurements listed above).¹²
 - ✦ Most of a revi’is (a cheek-full).¹³
- ✦ It is better to use a smaller cup with the proper shiur and drink the entire cup, than to use a larger cup and not drink the entire cup.
- ✦ It is preferable to drink the above amounts at one time¹⁴. Otherwise, drink it within 2 minutes. Within 9 minutes is also acceptable.¹⁵
- ✦ Wine with a minimum of 4% alcohol is preferable¹⁶, although grape juice is also perfectly fine.¹⁷
- ✦ Red,¹⁸ non-mevushal¹⁹ wine is preferred but not required.
- ✦ Leaning is required for men. If it wasn’t done, the drinking is invalid.²⁰
- ✦ Women don’t have to lean.²¹
- ✦ The leaning must be on something. Just leaning the body in the air is worthless.²²
- ✦ It’s a mitzvah to give out nuts (candy) to the children.²³
- ✦ If there’s water on the table, or if you had in mind to drink

water after making Kiddush, it may be drunk in between the cups of wine.²⁴

URCHATZ ורחץ

- ✦ We wash our hands before dipping the Karpas because that’s the halachah, even though the minhag is not to wash during the year.²⁵
- ✦ The brachah of Al Netilas Yadayim is not recited.²⁶

KARPAS כרפס

- ✦ Less than a k’zayis of a vegetable should be eaten.²⁷
- ✦ When reciting Borei Pri Ha’adamah have in mind the maror.²⁸
- ✦ Leaning is not required but is allowed.²⁹

YACHATZ יחץ

- ✦ Break the middle matzah in two and put the smaller piece back to be eaten later.³⁰
- ✦ Make sure that there’s at least a k’zayis in each piece of matzah.³¹
- ✦ The larger piece should be wrapped up, or placed in a bag, for the afikoman.³²

MAGGID מגיד

- ✦ One should have in mind to perform the mitzvah d’Oraisa of telling the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim.³³
- ✦ The Seder plate (matzos) should be lifted when saying “Ha Lachma Anya”.³⁴
- ✦ The new cup should be poured, even though it won’t be drunk until much later.³⁵
- ✦ The cups don’t need to be washed out from the first drinking. If there’s leftover wine in the cup, it can be used for this cup.³⁶
- ✦ Once the cup is poured, it’s preferable that there shouldn’t be any drinking of water, etc.³⁷
- ✦ The matzah should be uncovered during Maggid.³⁸
- ✦ Many poskim say that no other matzah should be on the table until Motzi Matzah.³⁹
- ✦ The matzos should be covered whenever the cup of wine is lifted.⁴⁰
- ✦ The younger children should say the “Mah Nishtanah”

before the older children.⁴¹

- ✦ Although boys and girls are equally obligated in the mitzvah of the Haggadah, boys should say the “Mah Nishtanah” before the girls.⁴²
- ✦ The Haggadah should be read and/or translated so that everyone understands what is being said. This includes women and children.⁴³
- ✦ The Haggadah is not said while leaning. Rather it should be said with fear and awe.⁴⁴
- ✦ When saying “Vehi She’amdah” the cup should be lifted and the matzos covered, but make sure to uncover the matzos afterwards.⁴⁵
- ✦ One who is disgusted by dipping his finger into the wine when saying the ten makkos, can spill out some wine each time instead.⁴⁶
- ✦ When say “Matzah” and “Maror” the middle matzah and maror should be lifted⁴⁷.
- ✦ When saying “Pesach”, the shank-bone should NOT be lifted. It should just be looked at.⁴⁸
- ✦ From “Lefichach” until the brachah of Borei Pri Hagafen, the cup should be lifted and the matzos covered.⁴⁹

RACHTZAH רחצה

- ✦ Even if the hands are clean from the earlier washing⁵⁰, they still need to be washed again with a brachah.⁵¹
- ✦ If one knows that his hands are definitely clean, then it’s best to touch his shoes in order to ensure that he is required to recite a brachah.⁵²

MOTZI MATZAH מוציא מצה

- ✦ Have in mind to perform the mitzvah d’Oraisa of eating matzah.⁵³
- ✦ All three matzos should be held during the brachah of Hamotzi, and then the bottom matzah should be put down before reciting the brachah of Al Achilas Matzah.⁵⁴
- ✦ The top matzah and the broken matzah should be broken at the same time, and a k’zayis should be eaten from each one.⁵⁵
- ✦ Measurements for matzah:
 - ✦ The recommended amount is a little more than a 1/3 of a hand matzah or 2/3 of a machine matzah.
 - ✦ 1/4 of a hand matzah or 1/3 of a machine matzah is also good.
 - ✦ In case of necessity an amount the size of an average palm of a hand is enough.
- ✦ The above measurements include two k’zaisim, therefore they don’t need to be doubled.

- ✦ Matzah should preferably be eaten within 2 minutes, but up to 9 minutes is also acceptable.⁵⁶
- ✦ Most don’t dip the matzah into salt on the Seder night⁵⁷
- ✦ Since there isn’t usually enough matzah in the Seder leader’s matzah for everyone, each person should receive the required amount of matzah before washing their hands and then each person should also get a small piece from each matzah of the leader of the Seder.⁵⁸
- ✦ The matzah should be eaten without talking (even if it’s related to the meal).
- ✦ There should be no talking until after Korech, unless it’s related to the meal.⁵⁹
- ✦ Leaning is required⁶⁰. If it was not done, then another k’zayis should be eaten while leaning.⁶¹

MAROR מרור

- ✦ Have in mind to perform the mitzvah d’Rabbanan of eating maror.⁶²
- ✦ The maror should be dipped into charoses and then shaken off.⁶³
- ✦ Measurements for maror (horseradish or lettuce):
 - ✦ The recommended amount is enough to fill a 1.69 oz. cup.
 - ✦ Enough to fill a 1.1 oz. cup is also good.
 - ✦ In case of necessity, an amount enough to fill a 0.7 oz. cup is good enough.
- ✦ It should preferably be eaten within 2 minutes, but up to 9 minutes is also acceptable.⁶⁴
- ✦ When saying the brachah of “Al Achilas Maror” have in mind to cover the maror that will be eaten during Korech.
- ✦ No leaning while eating maror.⁶⁵
- ✦ The maror must be chewed, not just swallowed.⁶⁶

KORECH כורך

- ✦ The bottom matzah should be used.⁶⁷
- ✦ Whether Korech is dipped into charoses or not depends on one’s minhag.⁶⁸
- ✦ Measurements for Korech matzah:
 - ✦ A little more than 1/4 of a hand matzah or 1/3 of a machine matzah.
 - ✦ In case of necessity, an amount the size of an average palm of a hand is enough.
- ✦ Measurements for Korech maror:
 - ✦ The recommended amount is enough to fill a 1.1 oz. cup.
 - ✦ Enough to fill a .7 oz. cup is also good.

- ✦ Korech should preferably be eaten within 2 minutes but up to 9 minutes is also acceptable.⁶⁹
- ✦ Korech should be eaten while leaning⁷⁰. If one didn't lean, it doesn't have to be repeated.⁷¹
- ✦ "Zecher l'mikdash k'Hillel" should be said before eating⁷². However, some say it after.⁷³

SHULCHAN ORECH שולחן עורך

- ✦ It's preferable to eat the meal while leaning.⁷⁴
- ✦ Many have the custom not to have dips on the Seder night.⁷⁵
- ✦ One should not eat excessively so that the afikoman can be eaten with an appetite.⁷⁶
- ✦ Many have a minhag to eat a hardboiled egg⁷⁷
- ✦ No roasted meat or chicken should be eaten.⁷⁸

TZAFUN צפון

- ✦ Have in mind that according to some opinions, this is the main mitzvah of eating matzah⁷⁹
- ✦ The afikoman should be eaten while leaning⁸⁰
- ✦ If it gets lost or damaged, another matza should be used instead.⁸¹
- ✦ It should be eaten before chatzos.⁸²
- ✦ It should be eaten while sitting in one place.⁸³
- ✦ Measurements for afikoman matzah:
 - ✦ The recommended amount is a little more than a 1/3 of a hand matzah or 2/3 of a machine matzah.
 - ✦ 1/4 of a hand matzah or 1/3 of a machine matzah is also good.
 - ✦ In case of necessity an amount the size of an average palm of a hand is enough.
- ✦ Nothing should be eaten after the afikoman⁸⁴. If one ate,

he must eat the afikoman again.⁸⁵

- ✦ Water and seltzer are permitted⁸⁶. Other drinks depend on the necessity.⁸⁷
- ✦ On the second night all drinks are allowed⁸⁸.

BARECH ברך

- ✦ If the cups are dirty then they should be washed out.⁸⁹
- ✦ If there's three men, the head of the household should lead Birchas Hamazon.⁹⁰
- ✦ A special cup for Eliyahu Hanavi is filled.⁹¹
- ✦ The front door is opened.⁹²
- ✦ All say "Shefoch Chamoscha"⁹³

HALLEL הלל

- ✦ The fourth cup is poured.⁹⁴
- ✦ This is the only Hallel of the year that we recite sitting.⁹⁵
- ✦ No brachah is recited on Hallel.
- ✦ If there are three adults (including women), or even children who understand⁹⁶, then the Seder leader should say "Hodu LaShem" & "Ana Hashem" out loud, and the others repeat after him, like in Shul.⁹⁷
- ✦ It's preferable that a full revi'is of wine should be drunk so that an Al Hagafen can be recited afterward.⁹⁸

NIRTZAH נרצה

- ✦ One is required to spend the night talking about Yetzias Mitzrayim until he is overcome by sleep.⁹⁹
- ✦ Most of Krias Shema al Hamitah is omitted. Only the first parshah¹⁰⁰ and the brachah of Hamapil are recited.¹⁰¹

These are the basic halachos. Some customs may vary.

שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף א)	1.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ז)	35.	שו"ת חתם סופר (חלק ו סימן טז)	69.
יסוד ושורש העבודה (שער ט פרק ו)	2.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן סח)	36.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)	70.
משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן ט)	3.	ביאור הלכה (סימן תעג סעיף ג ד"ה הרשות)	37.	פרי חדש (סימן תעה סעיף א)	71.
רמ"א (סימן תעג סעיף א)	4.	רמ"א (סימן תעג סעיף ז)	38.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)	72.
משנה ברורה (ריש סימן תעג)	5.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן סו)	39.	ביאור הלכה (סימן תעה סעיף א ד"ה ואומר)	73.
שולחן ערוך (סימן רעא סעיף יג)	6.	רמ"א (סימן תעג סעיף ז)	40.	רמ"א (סימן תעב סעיף ז)	74.
חזון איש (קונטרס השיעורים אות יח)	7.	קובץ הלכות (פרק כו סעיף לג)	41.	רמ"א (סימן תעו סעיף ב)	75.
הגר"ח נאה (שיעורי תורה סימן ב סעיף יא)	8.	קיצור שולחן ערוך (סימן קיט סעיף ד)	42.	רמ"א (סימן תעו סעיף א)	76.
קובץ הלכות (פרק כ סעיף כ)	9.	רמ"א (סימן תעג סעיף ו)	43.	רמ"א (סימן תעו סעיף ב)	77.
קיצור שולחן ערוך (סימן קיט סעיף ב)	10.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן עא)	44.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעו סעיף א)	78.
שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף ט)	11.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן עג)	45.	רשב"ם (פסחים קיט, ב ד"ה אין מפטירין)	79.
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There are 64 mitzvos on Pesach night according to the Gra from R' Yitzchak Silverstein in the name of R' Elchanan Wasserman

- 1- kiddush
- 2- kiddush on wine
- 3- Bracha of borei pri hagafen
- 4- kiddush hayom (sanctifying the day)
- 5- Saying over yitziyas mitzrayim in kiddush
- 6- Bracha of shechyanu
- 7- drinking first cup
- 8- leaning by the first cup
- 9- washing hands for karpas
- 10- Bracha of nitilas yadain (we don't pasken like this)
- 11- Bracha of borei pri hoadama
- 12- eating karpas
- 13- dipping it in salt water
- 14- Bracha achrona (we don't pasken like this)
- 15- shankbone for korban pesach
- 16- egg for korban chagiga
- 17- yachatz to show backbreaking work
- 18- mah nishtana- mitzva dioyraysa
- 19- saying over the story- mitzva dioyraysa
- 20- to start with the negative times and end off with praise
- 21- saying the hagada over matza
- 22- R gamliel 3 things (Pesach, Matza, Maror)
- 23- required to look at ourselves as if we were leaving Egypt
- 24- thank hashem for taking us out of Egypt
- 25- Bracha of asher gialanu
- 26- Bracha of second cup
- 27- drinking
- 28- leaning
- 29- washing hands
- 30- Bracha of Al nitilas yadain
- 31- Bracha of hamotzie
- 32- Bracha al achilas matza
- 33- Lechem mishna
- 34 - eating one kezayis (mitzva deoyraysa)
- 35 - eating second kezayis
- 36- leaning
- 37- Seuda
- 38- Bracha on marror
- 39- eating maror
- 40- charoses zecher for mitzrayim
- 41- dipping marror in charoses
- 42- korech
- 43- leaning
- 44- afikoman
- 45- second kezayis afikoman
- 46- leaning
- 47- mayim achronim
- 47- kos for bentching
- 49- mezuman (three people saying birchas hamazon)
- 50- first Bracha of birchas hamazon
- 51- Second Bracha of birchas hamazon
- 52- Third Bracha of birchas hamazon
- 53- Fourth Bracha of birchas hamazon
- 54- Third cup
- 55- Bracha on third cup
- 56- Leaning
- 57- Hallel
- 58- Zimun by hallel
- 59- Bracha after hallel
- 60- drinking fourth cup
- 61- Bracha on fourth cup
- 62- Leaning
- 63- Al hagefen
- 64- Simcha on the Seder night

SEFIRAS HAOMER

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THE AVEILUS OF SEFIRAH

- The minhag is to keep some form of mourning for thirty-three days between Pesach and Shavuot for the students of R' Akiva who died during this time¹.
- There are two basic minhagim regarding the time frame of aveilus: 1) Beginning on the second day of Pesach and ending on Lag Ba'omer. 2) Beginning on Rosh Chodesh Iyar and ending on the third day of Sivan².
- There are slight variations to the above opinions.
- One can change his custom from year to year³.
- There are no restrictions on buying new clothes⁴.
- There are no restrictions on cutting nails⁵.
- Some have a minhag not to buy anything that would require reciting the brachah of Shehecheyanu⁶.

HAIRCUTS

- Haircuts are prohibited⁷.
- Shaving and trimming beards are prohibited⁸.
- It's debatable if women's hair is included in the custom not to cut hair. For tznius purposes it's definitely allowed⁹.
- Electrolysis, waxing, etc., is permitted¹⁰.
- If one is risking financial loss by not appearing groomed properly, he may shave or take a haircut¹¹.
- Mustache hairs that create difficulty in eating may be cut¹².
- Based on this, cutting hair because it's embarrassing/annoying is allowed¹³.
- Wigs may be cut since they are not one's own hair¹⁴.
- According to basic Halacha, minors can take haircuts but seems like the minhag is not to. If necessary it's certainly allowed¹⁵.
- If you think she'll say no to you because you look bad then you can shave but beware that she may say no to you because you shaved during sefirah/3weeks so it's your call¹⁶.
- Men that have a heter for body hair removal can also remove body hair.

MUSIC

- Music¹⁷ and dancing are prohibited even at a seudas mitzvah¹⁸. Singing is allowed¹⁹.
- No music or dancing for a Siyum, vort or bar mitzva²⁰.

- Recorded music is prohibited²¹.
- Music lessons are permitted²².
- If necessary, slow inspirational or classical music is permitted²³.
- Music while exercising is permitted²⁴.
- Music to stay awake while driving is permitted²⁵.
- Accapela is not recommended, but is permitted²⁶.
- Any music is better than listening to the radio.
- Music is allowed during Chol Hamoed²⁷.
- Children below the age of seven can listen to music²⁸ and there's no problem for adults to hear it (playgroups, driving etc.)
- Music while studying and working is allowed if it will help concentration²⁹.

LAG BEOMER

- Most opinions say that haircuts/shaving can start on the morning of lag beomer (it doesn't have to wait for chatzos)³⁰.
- There are opinions that haircuts/shaving can start from mincha time the afternoon before lag beomer³¹.
- Even those keeping second half of sefirah can take haircuts on lag beomer³².
- When Lag Beomer falls out on Sunday, haircuts are allowed on Friday³³ (some say to wait until after chatzos³⁴) and if necessary Thursday night too.
- There's a debate if music/weddings are allowed the night of lag beomer. It's best to be strict³⁵.
- Those that have the minhag to make bonfires "hilula" are relying on the opinions that lag beomer is a Yom tov³⁶.
- It's not preferable to say "tonight is lag beomer" before actually counting the Omer on the night of Lag Beomer³⁷.

COUNTING THE OMER

- Sefirah should be counted as early in the night as possible,³⁸ but one should not count earlier if that will cause him to count without a minyan.
- Although sefirah can be counted starting after sunset, it is preferable to wait until nightfall³⁹.
- The preferable calculation of nightfall for counting sefirah is approximately forty minutes after shkiah.

- ✦ If one counted before nightfall, it is best to count again after nightfall without a brachah⁴⁰.
- ✦ Sefirah may be counted the entire night⁴¹.
- ✦ those making early shabbos should be careful to start the meal before shkiah otherwise the meal can't start until after shema and sfira is said. If a legitimate reminder or shomer is made then the meal can start⁴².
- ✦ If one forgot to count at night, he should count during the day without a brachah⁴³ and continue counting that night with a brachah⁴⁴.
- ✦ If one completely missed a day of counting, he can no longer count with a brachah. However, he is still required to count every night without a brachah⁴⁵.
- ✦ In this situation, it's best to have someone that is counting with a brachah say the brachah out loud and have him in mind⁴⁶.
- ✦ If sefira was counted wrong then recount that night with a bracha. If this was only realized the next night then a bracha can no longer be made⁴⁷.
- ✦ If one remembered to count the previous night's counting during bein hashmashos, he can continue to count with a brachah⁴⁸.
- ✦ If one isn't sure if he counted the previous night at all, or if he counted correctly, he can continue counting with a brachah⁴⁹.
- ✦ One must understand what he's counting otherwise he is not yotzei. Therefore, one can count in any language⁵⁰.
- ✦ Sefirah should be counted standing up⁵¹. If it was counted sitting down it's acceptable⁵².
- ✦ After the first week, both days and weeks are counted⁵³.
- ✦ If only the days were counted and not the weeks it's acceptable⁵⁴.
- ✦ If the weeks were counted and not the days, it's invalid and he cannot continue counting with a brachah⁵⁵.
- ✦ After sefirah the "Yehi Ratzon" is said⁵⁶.
- ✦ Before counting sefirah at night with a brachah, one should not say "Tonight is the _ night," because that is considered counting and can no longer count with a brachah that night⁵⁷.
- ✦ This applies to counting in any language⁵⁸.
- ✦ If all one said was a number, that's not considered counting, and he can still count that night with a brachah. For example, if one is asked "What night is tonight?" He can answer "Three"⁵⁹.
- ✦ Asking a question, such as "Is tonight the third night?" is not considered counting.⁶⁰
- ✦ If one must speak out clearly the exact night of sefirah, but he hasn't yet counted with a brachah, he can say it while having in mind not to be yotzei⁶¹.
- ✦ If one mistakenly said that night's sefirah, although he can no longer count that night with a brachah, since the earlier counting wasn't done intentionally, he must still count that night without a brachah⁶².
- ✦ Make sure to know the correct night before starting the brachah.
- ✦ It is prohibited to start eating a half-hour before the proper time to count⁶³, unless someone is appointed to remind you to count or you set an alarm⁶⁴.
- ✦ If one has a set time to daven Ma'ariv he may start eating even though he hasn't yet counted⁶⁵.

1. שולחן ערוך (סימן תצג סעיף א)	23. הליכות שלמה (פרק יא דבר הלכה אות כב)	44. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן לד)
2. רמ"א (סימן תצג סעיף ג)	24. קובץ הלכות (פרק ט סעיף יג)	45. שולחן ערוך (סימן תפט סעיף ח)
3. קובץ הלכות (פרק ח סעיף ב)	25. קובץ הלכות (פרק ט סעיף יד)	46. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן לז)
4. משנה ברורה (סימן תצג סעיף קטן ב)	26. אגרות משה (אורח חיים חלק א סימן קסו)	47. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן לב)
5. כף החיים (סימן תצג סעיף קטן טז)	27. שמענתא דמשה (שמועות סימן תצג סעיף קטן ד)	48. חיי אדם (כלל קלא סעיף ג)
6. ליקוטי מהרי"ח	28. קובץ הלכות (פרק ט סעיף כ)	49. שולחן ערוך (סימן תפט סעיף ח)
7. שולחן ערוך (סימן תצג סעיף ב)	29. משנה ברורה (סימן תקס סעיף קטן יג)	50. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן ה)
8. שולחן ערוך (סימן תקנא סעיף יב)	30. רמ"א (סימן תצג סעיף ב)	51. שולחן ערוך (סימן תפט סעיף א)
9. שיעורי הלכה (פרק יא סעיף ד)	31. באר היטב (סימן תצג סעיף קטן ה)	52. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן ו)
10. שיעורי הלכה (פרק יא סעיף ג)	32. רמ"א (סימן תצג סעיף ג)	53. שולחן ערוך (סימן תפט סעיף א)
11. קובץ הלכות (פרק י סעיף ד)	33. רמ"א (סימן תצג סעיף ב)	54. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן ז)
12. שולחן ערוך (סימן תקנא סעיף)	34. הליכות שלמה פרק יא הערה 97)	55. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן ז)
13. קובץ הלכות (פרק י הערה ד)	35. משנה ברורה (סימן תצג סעיף קטן יא)	56. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן י')
14. שיעורי הלכה (פרק יא סעיף ג)	36. חוט שני (חלק ד עמוד שפ)	57. שולחן ערוך (סימן תפט סעיף י')
15. שיעורי הלכה (פרק יא סעיף ד)	37. אור לציון (חלק ג סימן טז אות ד בהג"ה)	58. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן כ)
16. מסורת משה (חלק ג עמוד קמב)	38. שולחן ערוך (סימן תפט סעיף א)	59. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן כ)
17. ערוך השלחן (סימן תצג סעיף ב)	39. שולחן ערוך (סימן תפט סעיף ב)	60. קובץ הלכות (פרק ה סעיף י')
18. משנה ברורה (סימן תצג סעיף קטן ג)	40. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן טו)	61. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן כב)
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20. שיעורי הלכה (פרק יב סעיף ז)	42. קובץ הלכות (פרק ג סעיף ה)	63. משנה ברורה (סימן תפט סעיף קטן כג)
21. שו"ת אגרות משה (אורח חיים חלק א סימן קסו)	43. שולחן ערוך (סימן תפט סעיף ז)	64. קובץ הלכות (פרק ג סעיף ג)
22. שו"ת זכר שמחה (סימן טז)		65. קובץ הלכות (פרק ג סעיף ד)