

# KITZUR HALACHOS

## THE SEDER

R' TZVI YAAKOV STEIN

### PRE-SEDER

- ✦ Start the Seder as soon as possible.<sup>1</sup>
- ✦ The simanim of the Seder should be said before each siman. Ex. "Kadesh" before Kadesh, "Urchatz" before Urchatz, etc.<sup>2</sup>

### KADESH קדש

- ✦ If possible<sup>3</sup>, someone else should pour the wine for the leader of the Seder.<sup>4</sup>
- ✦ Before Kiddush, everyone should be reminded that there are three mitzvos being performed<sup>5</sup>.
  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.<sup>6</sup>
- ✦ Measurements of a revi'is for the four cups of wine:
  - ✦ Recommended is 5.2 oz.<sup>7</sup>
  - ✦ 3.3 oz is also good.<sup>8</sup>
  - ✦ In case of necessity 2.9 oz is enough.<sup>9</sup>
- ✦ Amount to drink in order of preference:
  - ✦ Entire cup, no matter the size.<sup>10</sup>
  - ✦ Most of the cup, no matter the size.<sup>11</sup>
  - ✦ A revi'is (measurements listed above).<sup>12</sup>
  - ✦ Most of a revi'is (a cheek-full).<sup>13</sup>
- ✦ 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 time<sup>14</sup>. Otherwise, drink it within 2 minutes. Within 9 minutes is also acceptable.<sup>15</sup>
- ✦ Wine with a minimum of 4% alcohol is

preferable<sup>16</sup>, although grape juice is also perfectly fine.<sup>17</sup>

- ✦ Red,<sup>18</sup> non-mevushal<sup>19</sup> wine is preferred but not required.
- ✦ Leaning is required for men. If it wasn't done, the drinking is invalid.<sup>20</sup>
- ✦ Women don't have to lean.<sup>21</sup>
- ✦ The leaning must be on something. Just leaning the body in the air is worthless.<sup>22</sup>
- ✦ It's a mitzvah to give out nuts (candy) to the children.<sup>23</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>24</sup>

### 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.<sup>25</sup>
- ✦ The brachah of Al Netilas Yadayim is not recited.<sup>26</sup>

### KARPAS כרפס

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

### YACHATZ יחץ

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

## MAGGID מגיד

- ✦ One should have in mind to perform the mitzvah d'Oraisa of telling the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim.<sup>33</sup>
- ✦ The Seder plate (matzos) should be lifted when saying "Ha Lachma Anya".<sup>34</sup>
- ✦ The new cup should be poured, even though it won't be drunk until much later.<sup>35</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>36</sup>
- ✦ Once the cup is poured, it's preferable that there shouldn't be any drinking of water, etc.<sup>37</sup>
- ✦ The matzah should be uncovered during Maggid.<sup>38</sup>
- ✦ Many poskim say that no other matzah should be on the table until Motzi Matzah.<sup>39</sup>
- ✦ The matzos should be covered whenever the cup of wine is lifted.<sup>40</sup>
- ✦ The younger children should say the "Mah Nishtanah" before the older children.<sup>41</sup>
- ✦ Although boys and girls are equally obligated in the mitzvah of the Haggadah, boys should say the "Mah Nishtanah" before the girls.<sup>42</sup>
- ✦ The Haggadah should be read and/or translated so that everyone understands what is being said. This includes women and children.<sup>43</sup>
- ✦ The Haggadah is not said while leaning. Rather it should be said with fear and awe.<sup>44</sup>
- ✦ When saying "Vehi She'amdah" the cup should be lifted and the matzos covered, but make sure to uncover the matzos afterwards.<sup>45</sup>
- ✦ One who is disgusted by dipping his finger into the wine when saying the ten makkos, can spill out some wine each time instead.<sup>46</sup>
- ✦ When say "Matzah" and "Maror" the middle matzah and maror should be lifted.<sup>47</sup>
- ✦ When saying "Pesach", the shank-bone should NOT be lifted. It should just be looked at.<sup>48</sup>
- ✦ From "Lefichach" until the brachah of Borei Pri Hagafen, the cup should be lifted and the matzos covered.<sup>49</sup>

## RACHTZAH רחצה

- ✦ Even if the hands are clean from the earlier washing<sup>50</sup>, they still need to be washed again with a brachah.<sup>51</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>52</sup>

## MOTZI MATZAH מוציא מצה

- ✦ Have in mind to perform the mitzvah d'Oraisa of eating matzah.<sup>53</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>54</sup>
- ✦ The top matzah and the broken matzah should be broken at the same time, and a k'zayis should be eaten from each one.<sup>55</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>56</sup>
- ✦ Most don't dip the matzah into salt on the Seder night<sup>57</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>58</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>59</sup>
- ✦ Leaning is required<sup>60</sup>. If it was not done, then another k'zayis should be eaten while leaning.<sup>61</sup>

## MAROR מרור

- ✦ Have in mind to perform the mitzvah d'Rabbanan of eating maror.<sup>62</sup>
- ✦ The maror should be dipped into charoses and then shaken off.<sup>63</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>64</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>65</sup>
- ✦ The maror must be chewed, not just swallowed.<sup>66</sup>

## KORECH כורח

- ✦ The bottom matzah should be used.<sup>67</sup>
- ✦ Whether Korech is dipped into charoses or not depends on one's minhag.<sup>68</sup>
- ✦ 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.<sup>69</sup>
- ✦ Korech should be eaten while leaning<sup>70</sup>. If one didn't lean, it doesn't have to be repeated.<sup>71</sup>
- ✦ "Zecher l'mikdash k'Hillel" should be said before eating<sup>72</sup>. However, some say it after.<sup>73</sup>

## SHULCHAN ORECH שולחן עורח

- ✦ It's preferable to eat the meal while leaning.<sup>74</sup>
- ✦ Many have the custom not to have dips on the

## Seder night.<sup>75</sup>

- ✦ One should not eat excessively so that the afikoman can be eaten with an appetite.<sup>76</sup>
- ✦ Many have a minhag to eat a hardboiled egg<sup>77</sup>
- ✦ No roasted meat or chicken should be eaten.<sup>78</sup>

## TZAFUN צפון

- ✦ Have in mind that according to some opinions, this is the main mitzvah of eating matzah<sup>79</sup>
- ✦ The afikoman should be eaten while leaning<sup>80</sup>
- ✦ If it gets lost or damaged, another matza should be used instead.<sup>81</sup>
- ✦ It should be eaten before chatzos.<sup>82</sup>
- ✦ It should be eaten while sitting in one place.<sup>83</sup>
- ✦ 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 afikoman<sup>84</sup>. If one ate, he must eat the afikoman again.<sup>85</sup>
- ✦ Water and seltzer are permitted<sup>86</sup>. Other drinks depend on the necessity.<sup>87</sup>
- ✦ On the second night all drinks are allowed<sup>88</sup>.

## BARECH ברך

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

## HALLEL הלל

- ✦ The fourth cup is poured.<sup>94</sup>
- ✦ This is the only Hallel of the year that we recite sitting.<sup>95</sup>

- ✦ No brachah is recited on Hallel.
- ✦ If there are three adults (including women), or even children who understand<sup>96</sup>, then the Seder leader should say “Hodu LaShem” & “Ana Hashem” out loud, and the others repeat after him, like in Shul.<sup>97</sup>
- ✦ It’s preferable that a full revi’is of wine should be drunk so that an Al Hagafen can be recited afterward.<sup>98</sup>

## NIRTZAH נרצה

- ✦ One is required to spend the night talking about Yetzias Mitzrayim until he is overcome by sleep.<sup>99</sup>
- ✦ Most of Krias Shema al Hamitah is omitted. Only the first parshah<sup>100</sup> and the brachah of Hamapil are recited.<sup>101</sup>

These are the basic halachos. Some customs may vary.

1.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף א)	52.	ביאור הלכה (סימן תעה סעיף א ד"ה יטול ידין)
2.	יסוד ושורש העבודה (שער ט פרק ו)	53.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעה סעיף קטן לד)
3.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן ט)	54.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעה סעיף קטן ב)
4.	רמ"א (סימן תעג סעיף א)	55.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)
5.	משנה ברורה (ריש סימן תעג)	56.	שו"ת חתם סופר (חלק ו סימן טז)
6.	שולחן ערוך (סימן רעא סעיף יג)	57.	רמ"א (סימן תעה סעיף א)
7.	חזון איש (קונטרס השיעורים אות יח)	58.	קובץ הלכות (פרק כח סעיף י)
8.	הגר"ח נאה (שיעורי תורה סימן ב סעיף יא)	59.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)
9.	קובץ הלכות (פרק כ סעיף כ)	60.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)
10.	קיצור שולחן ערוך (סימן קיט סעיף ב)	61.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעב סעיף קטן כב)
11.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף ט)	62.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעה סעיף קטן לד)
12.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעב סעיף קטן ל)	63.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)
13.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעב סעיף קטן ל)	64.	שו"ת חתם סופר (חלק ו סימן טז)
14.	רמ"א (סימן תעב סעיף טו)	65.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)
15.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעב סעיף קטן לד)	66.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף ג)
16.	מקדש ישראל (סימן תקסד)	67.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)
17.	הליכות שלמה (פרק ט סעיף יא)	68.	רמ"א (סימן תעה סעיף א)
18.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף יא)	69.	שו"ת חתם סופר (חלק ו סימן טז)
19.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעב סעיף קטן לט)	70.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)
20.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף ז)	71.	פרי חדש (סימן תעה סעיף א)
21.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף ד)	72.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)
22.	קובץ הלכות (פרק כא סעיף ז)	73.	ביאור הלכה (סימן תעה סעיף א ד"ה ואומר)
23.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעב סעיף טז)	74.	רמ"א (סימן תעב סעיף ז)
24.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן טז)	75.	רמ"א (סימן תעו סעיף ב)
25.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ו)	76.	רמ"א (סימן תעו סעיף א)
26.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ו)	77.	רמ"א (סימן תעו סעיף ב)
27.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ו)	78.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעו סעיף א)
28.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן נה)	79.	רשב"ם (פסחים קי"ט, ב ד"ה אין מפטירין)
29.	שבלי הלקט (סימן ריח)	80.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעז סעיף א)
30.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ו)	81.	רמ"א (סימן תעז סעיף ב)
31.	הגדה של פסח מועדים וזמנים (עמוד נט)	82.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעז סעיף א)
32.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ו)	83.	רמ"א (סימן תעח סעיף א)
33.	משנה ברורה (ריש סימן תעג)	84.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעח סעיף א)
34.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ו)	85.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעח סעיף קטן א)
35.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ז)	86.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תפא סעיף א)
36.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן סח)	87.	משנה ברורה (סימן תפא סעיף קטן א)
37.	ביאור הלכה (סימן תעג סעיף ג ד"ה הרשות)	88.	מקדש ישראל חלק ב סימן תשד)
38.	רמ"א (סימן תעג סעיף ז)	89.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעט סעיף קטן א)
39.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן סו)	90.	רמ"א (סימן תעט סעיף א)
40.	רמ"א (סימן תעג סעיף ז)	91.	משנה ברורה (סימן תפ סעיף קטן י)
41.	קובץ הלכות (פרק כו סעיף לג)	92.	רמ"א (סימן תפ סעיף א)
42.	קיצור שולחן ערוך (סימן קיט סעיף ד)	93.	רמ"א (סימן תפ סעיף א)
43.	רמ"א (סימן תעג סעיף ו)	94.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תפ סעיף א)
44.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן עא)	95.	משנה ברורה (סימן תפ סעיף קטן א)
45.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעג סעיף קטן עג)	96.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעט סעיף קטן ט)
46.	שער הציון (סימן תעג סעיף קטן פא)	97.	רמ"א (סימן תעט סעיף א)
47.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ז)	98.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעב סעיף קטן ל)
48.	מהר"י ווייל (סימן קצג)	99.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תפא סעיף ב)
49.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעג סעיף ז)	100.	רמ"א (סימן תפא סעיף ב)
50.	משנה ברורה (סימן תעה סעיף קטן א)	101.	משנה ברורה (סימן תפא סעיף קטן ד)
51.	שולחן ערוך (סימן תעה סעיף א)		