

From: "Rabbi Menachem Katz" <[REDACTED]>
To: "jeevacation@gmail.com" <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject: Passover Begins Friday
Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2018 19:41:10 +0000

Dear Friends,

The Passover holiday begins this Friday evening March 30 and continues through nightfall on **April 7**.

For more information and detailed laws, customs and everything you want to know about Passover, please visit

www.passover.org

If you do not yet have a place to observe the Seder, you can find a Seder near you in any city in the world that has a Jewish community by visiting www.passover.org. If you are having trouble finding a Seder, please email me at [REDACTED] or call me at [REDACTED].

All local grocery stores anywhere in the US should have Matzo, Passover and Seder supplies available. If you cannot find Matzo and other Passover supplies, please email me at [REDACTED] or call me and I will try to assist you.

The Day Before the First Seder

Since Jews are not permitted to own any leaven during the Passover holiday, Jews traditionally enter into contracts to sell their leavened products and related utensils (kitchen supplies, etc.) before the holiday.

An agent or proxy may be appointed to sell one's leaven on one's behalf. To sell your leavened products, please click on the following link or copy and paste the link into your browser :

https://www.mychabad.org/holidays/passover/sell_chometz.asp?aid=111191&jewish=Sell-Your-Chametz-Online.htm&site=chabad.org

On Thursday night, **March 29**, Jews conduct a "search" for leaven in their dwellings. All rooms, lockers, drawers and shelves must be searched, to insure that no leaven remains in possession (food or utensils that are sold may remain in one's possession but should be covered or locked away). Traditionally, ten small pieces of bread are first placed around the home before the search, to insure that some leaven is found. The search is traditionally conducted using a single candle (to light the way), a feather (to sweep up all leaven), a wooden spoon and a bag (to hold the ten pieces and other leavened products found in the search). The ten pieces of bread and any other leaven found that evening (and the tools used in the search) are traditionally burned the following morning (**Friday, March 30**). Jews are allowed to eat bread and leavened foods until **Friday** morning before around 10:00 a.m.. All bread and leavened foods remaining that have not been sold should be burned before 11:00 a.m.

A Few Important Passover Laws

There is Biblical prohibition to eat, possess or own any leavened foods during the entire eight-day holiday, which include bread, pasta, cake ect or anything that has any type of grain in it's ingredients whatsoever. Jewish law requires observant Jews to eat only specially-prepared foods during Passover that are clearly labeled "Kosher for Passover."

There is a biblical obligation for every Jewish individual to eat Kosher for Passover Matzo and recite the Story of Passover (the Haggadah) on the first night of Passover

Jewish women and girls (men are required to light candles when there is no woman in the household) should light holiday candles to usher in the holiday on **Friday evening March 30 and Saturday night March 31** . Candles must be lit before sundown on March 30 and only after dark on March 31 (about one hour after sundown and not before) . The candles can only be lit from a preexisting flame on the second night . If you do not have a pre existing flame, you may ask a non Jew to light a fire for you. It is forbidden for a Jew to strike a match, turn on a gas stove or use a lighter during the holiday.

The following two blessings should be recited before lighting the candles on **Friday night** :

1) *Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-olam asher ki-deshanu be-mitzvo-tav ve-tzvi-vanu le-hadlik ner shel Shabbat vshel Yom Tov .*

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of Shabbat and of the Holiday.

2) *Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh*

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

The following two blessings are recited before lighting the candles on **Saturday night** .

1) *Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-olam asher ki-deshanu be-mitzvo-tav ve-tzvi-vanu le-hadlik ner shel Yom Tov .*

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of of the Holiday.

2) *Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh*

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

For more information about Shabbat candle lighting for women and girls every Friday evening, Please visit

http://www.chabad.org/generic_cdo/aid/323422/jewish/Candle-Lighting.htm

WWW.FRIDAYLIGHT.ORG

One should participate in two Seders on Friday night March 30 and on Saturday night March 31 (which should begin *no earlier* than forty minutes after sunset). Holding a Seder service earlier than that time or on another day does not fulfill the Biblical and Rabbinic obligations. The Seder meal includes ritual events that require participants to recount the story of the Exodus (the prayers and text are found in a book called the Haggadah), drink four cups of Kosher for Passover wine or grape juice, eat certain ritual foods (*e.g.*, Matzo and “Marror” (bitter herbs), and eat a festive meal.

The following food items are needed for the Seder:

Matzo: Flat, unleavened bread. The Matzo must be marked kosher for Passover. Matzo available year-round is generally leavened and is *not* kosher for Passover.

Four Cups of Wine (or Grape Juice): The Four Cups, symbols of freedom and happiness, are drunk during the reading of the Haggadah at the Seder . They correspond to the four stages of deliverance outlined in the Bible.

Zeroah : A roasted chicken neck (*which is not eaten*) that represents the Pascal lamb that was sacrificed on the eve of the Exodus from Egypt.

Betza: A hard-boiled egg represents the Passover holiday sacrifice offered during the days of the Temple in Jerusalem. Eggs are traditionally dipped in salt water and consumed after the recital of most of the Haggadah and before the Seder meal.

Marror: Bitter herbs (generally, raw horseradish root and romaine lettuce) used during the Seder to remind the participants of the bitterness of slavery. Marror is consumed in the latter part of the Seder , after the recital of most of the Haggadah. Marror is generally dipped in “Charoses” (see below) before it is consumed, and later eaten together with Matzo.

Charoses: A mixture of apples, nuts and wine (or grape juice) designed to resemble the mortar and brick made by the Jews in slavery in Egypt. The Marror is dipped in Charoses before it is consumed.

Karpas: A non-bitter root vegetable (usually boiled potato, parsley or raw onion) that alludes to the back-breaking work of the Jews as slaves in Egypt is dipped in salt water and consumed before the recital of the Haggadah.

Chazeres: Additional bitter herbs (romaine lettuce and grated horseradish root) used in conjunction with the Marror.

P. S. Check out [REDACTED]

Wishing you a Kosher and Happy Passover

Rabbi Menachem M. Katz

The Aleph Institute

9540 Collins Ave

Surfside Fl 33154

Phone [REDACTED]

Fax [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

www.alephinstitute.org

This email is sent from The Aleph Institute. We'd love to stay in touch with you, but if you wish to be unsubscribed from this list please [click here](#), or [click here](#) to manage your subscriptions.

Sent via ChabadOne Communicator