

DAY BY DAY GUIDE FOR WHAT TO DO WHEN PESACH FALLS OUT
ON SATURDAY NIGHT
PESACH 5785 in Columbus, Ohio

Thursday, April 10th

- The Fast of the First Born (תענית בכורות – *ta'anit bechorot*): This fast takes place this year on Thursday, April 10th, starting at 5:39 am. Participating in a seudat mitzvah (a meal celebrating a mitzvah) exempts one in this case from fasting the entire day. Following shacharit at 7:00 am., there will be a siyum on a Tractate of Talmud, and those present will celebrate the accomplishment by participating in a seudat mitzvah.

- The Search for Chametz (המץ בדיקת – *bedikat chametz*): The search for the chametz should be done Thursday night, April 10th, as soon as possible after 8:47 pm. It is preferable to avoid eating a meal or beginning any other work before the search for chametz is complete. The search commences with the blessing that can be found at the beginning of most haggadot and in the Artscroll Siddur on p. 654. After completing the search, one recites כל המירא – *kol chamira*, a formula annulling and dispossessing any chametz of which one is unaware. This formula should be recited in English, as well, if one does not understand the Aramaic.

- Final day to submit POWER OF ATTORNEY/SALE OF CHAMETZ FORM

- It is important to remember to make a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for מעות חייטים *maot chitim* to provide for matzah and other Passover provisions for those in need.

Friday, April 11th

- Burning the Chametz (ביעור המץ – *bi'ur chametz*): This year, to preserve the practice of the burning of chametz one should complete the burning on Friday, April 11th by 12:13 pm. We do **not** recite *kol chamira* at this time.

- All preparations for the Seder should be done before Shabbat (i.e.: roasting shank bone and egg, preparing saltwater for dipping the vegetable, etc.)

- Make sure to light a candle that will last through Shabbat so you have an existing flame to light Yom Tov candles. (Remember, you will need another candle at the start of the second day of Yom Tov as well. We suggest lighting a 3 day candle to avoid issues).

Shabbat, Erev Pesach, April 11th & 12th

- We suggest that all Shabbat food should be prepared in a manner that is kosher for Pesach. While one could set aside challah for the Friday night meal and Shabbos lunch (making sure to finish eating any *chametz* before **10:57am.**), we suggest using egg matza (readily available at Kroger and Matts) for the first two Shabbat meals to avoid chametz issues. (While Ashkenizim don't eat egg matza on Pesach proper, there is no need to sell or dispose of it).

- If you choose to eat challah at your first two Shabbat meals: Plan ahead to have minimal or no *chametz* leftovers. **Any leftovers must be disposed of and cannot be added to food included in the sale of *chametz*.** Any crumbs should be flushed in the toilet or thrown into the wind immediately after *10:57am.*, and certainly by **12:15 pm.** Larger pieces of *chametz* should ideally be disposed of off your property, if that is not possible the chametz should be thrown in the outside trash can. **ALL CHAMETZ MUST BE DISPOSED OF AND NULLIFIED BY 12:15pm.** See page 654 in the Artscroll siddur for the text of the nullification of chametz.

- For *Seudah Shlisheet* you have a few options. Some suggest you split your early lunch into two meals with a short walk in between. If this is not practical we suggest you eat *מיני תרגימא minei targima* - like fish, fruit or chicken/meat instead. Some have the practice of eating egg matzah for Seudat Shlishi in this situation. Be sure to finish Seudah Shlisheet before 4:53pm to ensure you will be hungry for the Seder.

- As stated above the **Final Time for Eating Chametz is 10:57am on shabbat morning.**

- After 10:57 a.m. (and after disposing of final crumbs of *chametz*) but before 12:15 p.m. recite *Kol Chamira (Bitul/Annulment)*. If you find *chametz* around the house after 12:15 p.m. on Shabbat afternoon, cover it and dispose of it on *Chol HaMoed* or find a non Jew who is willing to dispose of it for you.

Pesach Night 1, April 12th

- Havdalah is recited as a part of Kiddush at the Seder (after 8:50 p.m., once Shabbat is over, one should say ***Baruch HaMavdil bein Kodesh li'Kodesh*** before preparing for the Seder). The blessing over the flame should be said over the Yom Tov candles. Though we normally say this blessing of Havdalah over a torch (=multiple wicks) one has to be very careful not to put out a flame on Yom Tov. We therefore suggest being lenient to use an already lit candle, like your Yom Tov or Yahrzeit candles.

- Afikoman should be finished by 1:31am.

Pesach Day 1, April 13th

Shacharit 9:30am

Latest time to recite Kriat Shema: 10:14am

Pesach Night 2, April 13th

- Candle Lighting 8:51pm, Second seder should not begin until this time.

- Remember to start counting Sefirat Ha'Omer (Yesterday, was day 0)

- Afikoman should be finished by 1:31 a.m.

Pesach Day 2, April 14th

Shacharit 9:30am

Latest time to recite Kriat Shema: 10:14am

For information regarding Kashering for Pesach and other general Pesach related issues you can find multiple guides (OU, CRC, StarK, etc.) and articles at [Kashrut.com](https://www.kashrut.com) - [PASSOVER 2025 INFORMATION](#)