



# SYNAGOGUE FOR THE ARTS NEWS

Synagogue for the arts  
49 White Street  
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PESACH EDITION

# Pesach at SFTA

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SHABBAT HAGADOL (observed)

Friday night, April 11 7:00 pm  
Saturday morning, April 12 9:00 am

### SHABBAT HAGADOL (actual)

Friday night, April 18 7:00 pm  
SATURDAY MORNING APRIL 19 9 am\*  
Kiddush @ 10 am!

## PASSOVER SER-

### EREV PESACH

Saturday Evening, April 19, 7:20 pm

### PESACH DAY 1

Sunday Morning, April 20, 9 am

### PESACH DAY 2

Sunday Evening, April 20, 7:30 pm  
Second Seder at SFTA  
Monday Morning, April 21, 9 am

### INTERMEDIATE DAYS - CHOL HaMOED

Mornings, (April 22-25) 7:10 am  
Afternoons, (April 22-24) 1:40 pm

### PESACH DAY 7

Friday Evening, April 25 7:00 pm  
Saturday Morning, April 26 9am

### PESACH DAY 8

Saturday Evening, April 26 7:30 am

Sunday Morning, April 27 9 am

**YIZKOR** 10:30 AM

### REGULAR SERVICES

Mornings: Monday & Thursday 7:20 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 am  
Followed by breakfast)

Afternoons:

Monday thru Thursday 1:40 pm  
Friday Nights 7 pm

# PESACH OBSERVANCE

## **FRIDAY April 18-Nisan 13**

The Chometz that one does not need for Shabbat should be burned on Friday. It is appropriate to burn the Chometz at the time one would do the burning if this was a regular year, i.e. 11:48 am.

## **Friday-Saturday Eating of Chometz**

Even after the nullification and elimination of Chometz it is permissible to eat Chometz in normal fashion; however in order to avoid the spread of the Chometz, one should set aside a place to eat the Chometz for Friday and Saturday.

On Shabbat it is customary to do all cooking and other food preparation in vessels and stoves etc. that are kosher for Passover, of food that is completely kosher for Passover. After the food cools one places them in vessels that are used for Chometz. If one wants to transfer the food while still hot one could first place the food in a Passover vessel and then to a non-Passover vessel. If it is impossible to cook in Passover vessels and stoves etc. one may cook in non-Passover equipment but taking special care to avoid the food sticking to the walls. One should use small challot in order to not have a lot of leftover Chometz; for the purpose of Lechem Mishnah or double challah, one may use non-matching challot or even a matzah.

In order to avoid using non-Passover vessels on Shabbat one may begin the meal with Challah, and then to clean ones' mouth and either move to another table or remove the tablecloth and continue the meal free of any chometz. If one eats in another room the Bircat HaMazon must be recited where the challah was eaten.

## **Seder Preparation**

One must prepare all seder necessities before Shabbat, like cooking the shankbone for example, or making saltwater and charoset, or even having fire ready for holiday use, havdalah and the heating of food. If one uses romaine lettuce for marror, it must be thoroughly checked for insects before Shabbat. They may be wrapped in damp cloth or placed in a cool damp storage area to avoid wilting; but not sitting in water.

One should grind the horseradish on seder night and not before Shabbat to avoid diminishing its strength. Otherwise place pre-ground horseradish in solidly sealed vessel.

## **Saturday April 19-Chometz Cleaning and its Disposal on Shabbat, Chometz Nullification**

If there is left over Chometz after the morning meal, one should give it away to any non-Jewish being, or sent down the toilet. If there is an eruv one may disown the Chometz and place it in a public domain. If none of these are possible, then one should render the Chometz unfit for consumption (even) by a dog, i.e. the pre-preparation of a plate of kerosene, in which the chometz would be placed, or pouring on the Chometz liquid soap or the like.

If none of the above are possible then one should store the Chometz in guarded place not to be touched until the conclusion of Yom Tov, and then disposed of.

One should shake one's garments (after the eating of the Chometz) with one's hands but not a brush. One should clean the pockets and folds of the garments. One then washes one's mouth and hands so there will remain no crumbs of Chometz. Nullify the Chometz, with the Kol Chamirah recitation (in the same way this is done in a regular year, at the time of Chometz destruction).

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## **SHABBAT HAGADOL (actual)**

Saturday morning April 19 is one of the most unusual days of the Jewish calendar. As previously stated Chometz must be consumed by 10:40 am. To accommodate this situation our Saturday morning services will be slightly altered. That morning, services must begin PROMPTLY at 9 am but we will break before the reading of the Torah at approximately 10 am. At that point we will descend to the reception hall to begin Kiddush with wine and challah. By 10:30 am we will resume the services in the sanctuary and complete the Kiddush with food kosher for Passover after musaf.

**By 11:48am the chometz will be disposed of and we will recite the Kol Chamirah. This is the recitation divesting ourselves of any Chometz ownership. It must be recited in a language that the speaker understands.**

**Second Night Seder**  
at  
Synagogue for the Arts

**Led by**  
**Rabbi Jonathan Glass**

Sunday Night  
April 20th  
8:15 pm SHARP!

\$70 per Adult  
\$35 per Child under 13

**Catered Dinner**

*Deadline for RSVP is April 11th*

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## **SHABBAT HaGADOL (observed)**

Technically, the date to observe Shabbat HaGadol (the Sabbath directly preceding the holiday of Passover) is Saturday April 19. However this year it falls on the day before Passover and proper observance would be impossible. That is because traditionally this Shabbat is reserved for the intense review of all the Passover laws and traditions, which would have no practical value this year, having no time between Shabbat and the holiday to implement one's knowledge.

Congregations, including ours, will therefore move their observance to the previous Shabbat which is the 12<sup>th</sup>. So after Kiddush that day, at approximately 12:30 pm, the Rabbi will speak in depth about the special challenges of the day before Passover falling on Shabbat.

From that point the synagogue will make available, upon request, a one page summary of the important practical issues of the eve of Passover falling on the Sabbath.

## **FIRST BORN SIYUM April 17-Nisan 12**

The next event altered by this year's calendar is the date of the Fast of the First Born. This normally takes place the morning before the first seder but again, as this is Shabbat, the date of the fast is pushed up to Thursday, April 17. It is customary to finish a tractate on this day, or join in the meal accompanying the siyum, or any mitzvah meal, like a bris or pidion haben, to be exempt from the fast. Some also have the custom to join a siyum or mitzvah meal on Friday.

After the 7:20 am minyan on April 17, that morning at 8:am there will be a siyum for all first born males. The siyum class will last approximately 15 minutes. As this obviates the need for the first born to fast, breakfast will be served.

## **PASSOVER EVE SEARCH FOR CHOMETZ**

This year's search for Chometz takes place on Thursday night, April 17, after 8:30 am. Even though almost all cleaning for Passover will have been completed by then, an official search should still be undertaken.

The search is done with a candle, or flashlight, together with items necessary to collect and secure the Chometz. All areas where Chometz is normally stored, as well as areas where Chometz could have possibly fallen should be searched. Pieces of bread are often placed in appointed areas to guarantee that Chometz will be found during the search. The search is preceded by the blessing of al biur Chometz and followed by the bitul recitation wherein the property owner (in English, Hebrew or Aramaic) renounces any ownership over Chometz in one's home. The collected Chometz should be retained in a bag, etc. and disposed of, as will be explained later, on Friday morning, April 18.

From this point onward the house must be completely ready for Passover even though the holiday will not begin for another 48 hours. One can either use paper goods or use Passover dishes and food. Seder matzah must not be eaten until the seder. Chometz may be eaten throughout this period until April 19 at 10:40 am. However Chometz must be carefully handled so as not to compromise the Passover cleaning.

If one forgot to search that evening and remembers on Friday, one performs the search during the day as one would search at night. If one did not search before Shabbat, one should make the search after Shabbat, Passover night. If one nullified his Chometz before the time of prohibition, one should not search until after Yom Tov.

March 27, 2008

Dear Friend,

Enclosed please find valuable information about how to prepare for Passover in general and in particular this year when Erev Pesach (Passover Eve) falls on the Shabbat. We hope you will find it helpful and expect that your holiday will be a rewarding one.

I would also like to remind you that at this time of the year we reach out to the Jewish poor to assist them in their time of need. This drive is called the Matzah Fund or "Maot Chitin" and is earmarked to help provide a festive Passover observance for them. While Synagogue for the Arts works diligently to improve our financial situation, we still must not forget the lesser fortunate among us.

This is a hallowed tradition of the synagogue for many decades and we look to you to continue this great tradition. May the merit of your generosity bring you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach,

Fabian Friedland, President

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### **SELLING CHOMETZ**

All those wishing to sell their Chometz items should contact the Rabbi or the Office Manager, who will relay your name and address to the Rabbi. However a more appropriate means is to personally meet with the Rabbi, effecting the transaction in person. The Rabbi will be generally available for this but it is preferred that you make a specific appointment. To insure that your sale will be properly handled, send this form back by April 18

Detach and Send to SFTA, 49 White Street, New York, NY 10013

I hereby authorize Rabbi Jonathan Glass to act as my agent in the selling of my Chometz.

Name:

Address:

Date:

List of Chometz Items:

Where Chometz is stored:

Please feel free to call the Rabbi at (212)966-7141 regarding any questions you may have concerning Passover procedures, cleaning and Passover food products.