

Pesach Pull-Out Pages

This Pull-Out section is like the proverbial onion - it works best if peeled apart layer by layer.

- ✿ The outer layer consists of the page you are reading now and a handy guide to Bedikat Chametz. (and three ads, as well.)
- ✿ The next layer is our 4-pager for Birkat HaChama. Use it well on Erev Pesach. May it help us express our appreciation of G-d for the world He gave us.
- ✿ Then comes a double layer, which when properly peeled off, produces an 8-pager with pieces on Shabbat HaGadol, T'filat Tal, and the Torah readings et al for Pesach. (and several ads, too.) Candle lighting and Havdala times for the range of Shabbatot and Yom Tov covered by this Tripple issue of Torah Tidbits.
- ✿ Then comes our colorful Seder of the Seder 4-pager, with a solid review of what is supposed to take place at the Seder.
- ✿ This is followed by our trusty "You can count on us" S'firat HaOmer chart, suitable for magnetting to your refrigerator, placing on your pillow, or wherever you prefer it to serve as a reminder to count the Omer each night. Our surveys over the years show that there is an increase in the likelihood of "going all the way through" without forgetting, for those who use the chart faithfully. Candle lighting and Havdala times are also indicated on the Omer chart. The intro and after-counting passages are also included.
- ✿ Not included - until you include them - are three items that were included in last week's issue of Torah Tidbits (to make this issue a little lighter) -

Birkat Ilanot to be said sometime during Nisan - the sooner, the better

Amirat Seder Korban Pesach, which should ideally be recited (and studied) during the afternoon of Erev Pesach, at the time the KP was and will be brought in the Beit HaMikdash.

And, the chapters of T'hilim for each day of Pesach, according to Minhag Yerushalayim. (We apologize for having accidentally printed them in a left-to-right format, rather than the "Hebrew" way they were meant to be printed.)

It is our hope and prayer that these pages - and all of Torah Tidbits - will enhance the various aspects of your Pesach. If we contribute in any way to more careful search for chametz, a more meaningful Birkat HaChama, an increase in the number of people who say the Korban Pesach passages (which is considered in lieu of bringing the KP in our time - until the Beit HaMikdash is rebuilt, more informed participation in the Seder, and many more et ceteras... then we will have truly done a service to the Jewish community.

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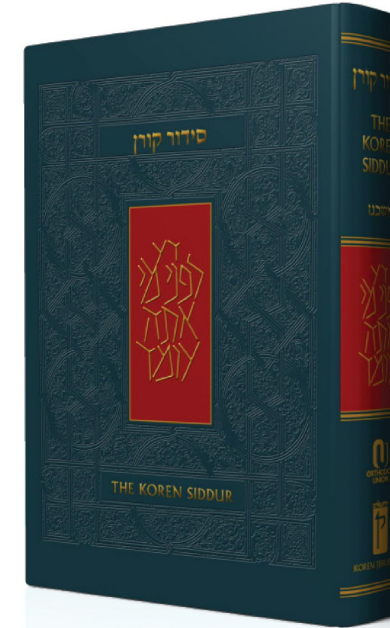
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Search for Chametz

On the eve of the 14th of Nisan - this year, Tuesday, April 7th - after dark (and preferably after Maariv), from 7:30pm and on, one conducts a "final" search for chametz (car sh/b included in the home search), after which the location of all chametz (to be eaten, to be burned, to be sold) should be known. The search is traditionally conducted to the light of a candle (feather and wooden spoon are also traditional, but less required). Flashlight should be available to help. The search is preceded by the following bracha, which covers the search, statement of nullification, the burning of chametz on Wednesday morning, and the second statement of nullification following the burning.

**ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו על בעור חמץ.**

Nullification, declared after the search:

**כל חמירא וחמיעה דאכא ברשותי דלא
חמתה ודלא בערתה ודלא ידענא לה לבטל
ולקוי הפקר כעפרא דארעא.**

Nullification statement must be understood,
and can be said in English towards that purpose:

**Any chametz that is in my possession,
which I have not seen (found), have not
removed, and do not know about,
should be annulled and become
ownerless, like the dust of the earth.**

On Wednesday morning, ideally during the 5th
hour of the day (after chametz is forbidden to eat
but before "benefit" is forbidden), we burn the
chametz and make a second nullification statement.
Burning may be earlier, but not later than 11:20am

**כל חמירא וחמיעה דאכא ברשותי דחזתה
ודלא חזתה, דחמתה ודלא חמתה, דבערתה
ודלא בערתה, לבטל ולקוי הפקר כעפרא
דארעא.**

**Any chametz that is in my possession,
whether I have recognized it or not,
whether I have seen it or not, whether I
have removed it or not, should be
annulled and become ownerless, like the
dust of the earth.**

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