

בית כנסת חכמת שלמה

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Special Halachot for Pesach 5785 / 2025

As many have already commented, Pesach this year falls on Erev Shabbat, something that hasn't happened since 2021 and won't happen again until 2045. Because of the timing, it creates a lot of questions which I will attempt to address in this email:

Thursday, April 10:

Taanit Bechor:

For those who are able to, this is the day to observe taanit Bechor. However, because it has been doubly-pushed-off, some (including a father of a bechor) might choose to be meikal (lenient) and not fast. As always, consult your Rabbi for confirmation. At this time BKCS is not sure if we'll have a siyum or not.

Bedikat Chametz

Thursday night, after shkia, you should perform bedikat chametz (the search for chametz)

Friday, April 11:

Erev Tavshilin

No erev tavshillin is needed.

Biur Chametz

This is to be done on Friday, putting aside just enough bread for the kiddush on Friday night Saturday. Preferably use a bread that is not too crumbly. After you finish your meal and get rid of any chometz you should say biur chometz again.

Saturday, April 12:

Pesach Kiddush

Kiddush on Saturday should be completed before chatzot (10:50am), and afterward you should take the table cloth with the crumbs outside and shake it into the air and say biur chametz again. All remaining chametz must be gone (eaten or made inedible) before chatzot.

Motzei Shabbat

Shabbat ends 50 minutes after shkia (or 72 minutes if you hold Rabbeinu Tam). You can begin preparations for Pesach and the seder at this time. You can say Havdallah (saying the blessings for wine, kiddush, candle, havdallah, and zman) at this time, or include it in your seder as indicated in the haggadah.

Sunday April 13:

Motzei Pesach Day 1

Day 1 of Pesach ends at 8:55pm. You can light candles (remember to say hakodesh l'kodesh) and begin preparation for the second seder.

Monday April 14:

Motzei Chag

The first days of chag ends at 8:50pm. Say havdallah with wine and spices (no candle).

Announcements

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