

# KASHRUT NOTICE

## *Maot Chitim – Passover Charity*

We all know how expensive it is to purchase all our Pesach foods and needs. We cannot forget that we have an obligation to help those less economically able to do their own purchases and enjoy the Seder and the holiday. This special charity to provide for Jewish poor the ability to purchase Pesach provisions is called Maot Chitim.

Beth David and Jewish Family Service are working together to provide for the needs of local poor and the poor in Israel. In order to assure that the money is available to enable the poor to shop before Pesach, we ask that you send your check no later than April 13. Checks may be made payable to Beth David Synagogue Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or to Jewish Family Service, noting that it is for Passover Charity and if you wish to designate your gift to local or Israeli poor. Checks may be mailed to the office of either organization. Contributions received after April 13 will be distributed in Israel.

It has been brought to my attention that Wegmans supermarket is carrying fresh Kosher meats with the Tomer label and I have been asked about the acceptability of this meat for the kosher consumer. Tomer meats are NOT glatt, and Beth David only uses glatt meat. Furthermore, the supervising agency that gives the hechsher to these meats is not one that is acceptable for use at Beth David synagogue. Please consider this information when deciding as to whether this meat is useable in your own homes.

When visiting Wegmans, I saw that they do carry Solomon's brand hot dogs and meat delicatessen (salami, bologna, pastrami, corned beef). This brand is supervised by the OU and is glatt, and is approved for use at Beth David Synagogue. The day of my visit the packages that I saw were marked Kosher for Passover.

Please remember that regarding Passover, you must check each item for the Kosher for Passover designation. Even in the special cases marked "For Passover," sometimes items have been shelved there that are not Passover approved, even in the same brands. For example, I saw packages of cheese that were marked Kosher for Passover and the same brand had the non-Passover variety (packaging was basically identical) right next to the approved packages. Stocking personnel are not necessarily aware of the difference and mistakes can easily be made. Buyer beware, and be careful!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

*Rabbi Zev Silber*

## Authorization to sell *Chametz*

The undersigned hereby authorizes, empowers and directs Rabbi Zev Silber, or any other person authorized or empowered by him, to act in my place and stead and on my behalf to sell all *chametz* possessed by me, whether knowingly or unknowingly, whether presently in my possession or in anyone else's possession. Such *chametz*, as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law shall include actual *chametz*, mixtures of *chametz*, and *chametz* that has adhered to or become absorbed into the surfaces of pots, pans and other utensils. This general authorization shall apply to any *chametz* owned by me or in my possession wherever so located, including, but not limited to, that *chametz* situated at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address of house, store, office, etc.)

and located in the following places:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify place(s) where *chametz* is being stored  
e.g. sealed kitchen cupboards)

The undersigned hereby further empowers Rabbi Zev Silber to lease all places upon which such *chametz* is situated and to lease or sell on my behalf any and all pots, pans, and utensils which contain *chametz*.

Rabbi Zev Silber is hereby authorized and directed by me to enter into any other type of transaction on my behalf with respect to such *chametz* on any such terms and for such period of time as he deems fit. I hereby confirm the validity of such transactions as if same were entered into by me directly.

If this document is being signed by more than one person, all necessary changes to the language of this authorization shall be deemed to have been made.

I hereby affix my signature this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 (5775)

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Kindly complete this form and return it in person or mail to:*

**Rabbi Zev Silber, Beth David Synagogue  
39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905**

Please allow 1 hour after the end of Passover before eating any *chametz* that was sold or before using any of your *chametz* utensils.

All forms must be received **by 10:00 AM Friday, April 3, 2015**

## Charlie Sez

Passover is one of my favorite holidays. You ask, "Why is Passover a favorite?" After a lot of preparation, special cleaning, shopping, cooking and hard work the family and/or a group of people assemble for a seder or two.

At the Seder, we read the Hagaddah, an historical record and a symbolic "re-feeling" of what could be said to be one of the most important events in the history of Judaism. We are released from bondage. We receive the Ten Commandments. We "experience" the taste of matzah, bitter herbs, charoset, salt water and other foods according to our various traditions, then, the four questions are asked. Much of the rest of the Hagaddah is devoted to "commentary, opinions, debate, interpretations and "answers" to the questions. A special meal is shared by all present. The latter part of the seder we join in singing.

Life can become routine, mundane, and ordinary. Conversely, it can be unpredictable and overwhelming; producing anxiety and stress. The only thing that is constant is change. Transition is not always easy. Our "family" changes, our lives change, our circumstances change. We observe people around us losing touch with who they are, where they came from, and where they are going. Any of which can change very quickly.

Passover puts me in touch with who I am, and where I came from. I engage. It provides a basis to make decisions of where I am going. I like the special foods. I like the social get together. I like the questions and subsequent "answers." I like the singing. I like the structure. There is an order, a beginning, a middle, an end. Those are some of the reasons why Passover is one of my favorite holidays. Chag sameach.

Looking out my window as I write this, there are several inches of snow on the ground and wind is gusting to 30mph. I will not be working on repairing the shul courtyard gate today. Next week??

Our shul, says thanks to all of "u" for filling in as necessary and participating in shul functions. All of us working together make our S h u l complete.

Look for a Men's Group special annual Mother's/Father's breakfast brunch in early May.

*Charlie Manasse, Vice President*



## Pesach Schedule

### *Erev Pesach*

Thursday, April 21	Mincha/Maariv <i>Bedikat Chametz</i> – Search for the <i>Chametz</i>	7:35 pm after 8:34 pm
Friday, April 22	Shachari <i>Siyum</i> approximately Latest time for eating <i>chametz</i> Latest time for burning <i>chametz</i>	6:40 am 7:15 am 10:44 am 11:52 am

### *Pesach*

Friday, April 22	Candle lighting Mincha/Ma'ariv <i>Kiddush</i> at seder	7:35 pm 7:35 pm after 8:35 pm
Shabbat, April 23	Shacharit Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting and <i>Kiddush</i> at seder	9:00 am 7:25 pm after 8:36 pm
Sunday, April 24	Shacharit Mincha/Ma'ariv Yom Tov ends	9:00 am 7:40 pm 8:38 pm

### *Chol Hamoed*

Monday-Wed., April 25-27	Shacharit Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:30 am 7:40 pm
Thursday, April 28	Shacharit	6:30 am

### *Last Days Pesach*

Thursday, April 28	Candle lighting Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:41 pm 7:45 pm
Friday, April 29	Shacharit Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle lighting	9:00 am 7:15 pm <i>before</i> 7:43 pm
<i>Those attending service should light before 7:30 pm</i>		

Shabbat, April 30	Shacharit Yizkor approximately Mincha/Ma'ariv Shabbat and Yom Tov end	9:00 am 10:40 am 7:30 pm 8:44 pm
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### *Note*

If you have any additions or corrections for next year's Shul Calendar, please send them to the following email address: [bethdavidbinghamton@gmail.com](mailto:bethdavidbinghamton@gmail.com)  
Work is starting on doing the updates. Thank you. If you do not receive the calendar and wish to receive it, or do receive it and wish to cancel, please notify [mserkin@stny.rr.com](mailto:mserkin@stny.rr.com).