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# CHAILINE

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## Pesach Customs and Practices

**When:** Pesach begins on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at night, and lasts through the day of Shabbat, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Prohibition of Chametz:** It is not only forbidden to eat *chametz* on Pesach, it is also forbidden to have *chametz* in our possession or in our sight. Therefore, a thorough **cleaning** of all places where *chametz* may be found is required by the night of Thursday, March 29. What is required is to clean all places where *chametz* may be found, used or stored in our homes, basement, pantries, offices, cars, purses and book bags. Don't forget your talit bag! Spring cleaning of rooms and areas that never have *chametz* there is not necessary. *Chametz* products that we are not consuming or throwing away before Pesach should be stored in a closed or covered cabinet. Dishes and utensils used for *chametz* should also be stored separately in order to avoid the mistaken use of these during Pesach.

**Kitchen Preparation:** We only use Pesach dishes, utensils and cookware on Pesach. The kitchen counters and appliances must be made Kosher for Pesach before any food for Passover is prepared in or on them. The **kashering** process differs for each appliance or utensil, and some may not be kashered at all. Please consult a reliable source for the laws and method of kashering, and do not hesitate to ask the rabbi for assistance. Many of the major supervising agencies have kashering guides on their web sites. Kashering must be completed before you burn the *chametz*.

**Shopping:** Buy only products with a Kosher for Passover label from a reliable supervisory organization. The primary reliable agencies are the OU, the Star-K, the Chof-K, the OK, and KAJ. Many other supervisory agencies are also acceptable, but consult the rabbi before purchasing a product with a kashrut symbol that you do not know if it is acceptable. Many products can be used on Pesach without a special marking, and most of the kashrut agencies have lists of these on their web sites. When in doubt, please ask the rabbi for assistance.

**Mechirat Chametz - Selling of the Chametz:** The *chametz* that we have not consumed or disposed of before Pesach may not remain in our possession during the holiday. In order to avoid undue hardship or a large economic loss, arrangements can be made to sell the *chametz* to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday. As indicated above, all *chametz* remaining in your home must be stored in a closed or covered cabinet. Non-Passover utensils can be stored separately since we do not need to sell these. In order to execute a legally and halachically binding sale, you must complete the authorization form found in this *ChaiLine* and submit it by 10:00 am on Friday, March 30. It is preferable to do this in person, but completed and signed forms submitted to the office, by mail, or by e-mail are also acceptable.

**Bedikat Chametz – Search for Chametz:** We check the house and search for any *chametz* that we may not have found during our cleaning after nightfall on Thursday, March 29. It is customary to place 10 pieces of *chametz* around the house prior to the search to make sure that our search is complete. Any *chametz* that we find during our search should be stored or disposed, except for that which we plan to burn the next morning. Before beginning the search we recite a blessing, and following the search we recite a statement of nullification for any *chametz* that we may not have found. The blessing and nullification can be found in a siddur or Haggadah.

**Ta'anit Bechorim- Fast of the First Born:** The fast of First Born is held on Erev Pesach, Friday, March 30, to commemorate their deliverance from death during the tenth plague in Egypt. It is customary for the first-born to participate in a meal served in celebration of a *mitzvah*, such as a *Brit Mila* (circumcision) or *siyum* (the completion of a tractate of the Talmud). Those who attend one of these events celebrate with the partaking of refreshments and are then exempt from this fast. A *siyum* will be held at Beth David following *Shacharit* services.

**Bi'ur Chametz – Burning the Chametz:** It is prohibited to eat *chametz* on Erev Pesach, Friday, March 30 after 11:02 am. All *chametz* must be removed from our possession and the *chametz* found the night before during the search must be burned by 12:05 pm. A statement of nullification of any *chametz* not found or disposed is recited at the time of burning. The statement can be found in a siddur or Haggadah.

**Matzah and food on Erev Pesach:** It is forbidden to eat matzah during the entire day of Erev Pesach in order that we may hunger for the taste of matzah at the Seder. Under some conditions, foods containing matzah meal may be eaten, as well as egg matzah, which we generally do not eat on Pesach. Please consult the rabbi for specifics. After 4:07 pm we may only eat small quantities of fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs or fish.

**Seder Preparation:** The special foods for the Seder plate for both *Sedarim* should be prepared during the day of Erev Pesach. The *Kiddush* at the Seder may not be recited until after nightfall on either night. The *afikoman* should be eaten before 1:07 AM. Some people have the custom of beginning *sefirat ha'omer* – the counting of the omer – at the second Seder instead of counting during the evening service.

**Candle Lighting and Havdalah:** Since the first night of Pesach is Friday night, candles must be lit by 7:09 pm and the blessing recited is *l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat v'shel Yom Tov*. The second night, candles are lit after 8:10 pm, and the blessing is *l'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov*, at which time preparations for the Seder are permitted. Havdalah is incorporated into the *Kiddush* recited at the Seder, as is found in the haggadah. Havdalah is recited on Sunday night after 8:11 pm, using only wine or grape juice. No candle or spices are used at this havdalah.

For the last days which begin on Thursday night, the blessing on the candles is *l'hadlik ner shel Yom tov*. On Friday night, April 6, candles must be lit by 7:16 pm and the blessing is *l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat v'shel Yom Tov*. Havdalah is not recited at all until after Shabbat on April 7, after 8:18 pm, and the standard havdalah for ending Shabbat is recited.

**Eruv Tavshilin – The Mixing of Cooked Foods:** The Biblical prohibition against labor on the Festivals specifically does not include the preparation or cooking of food. However, food may only be prepared for that day's use. When a *Yom Tov* falls on a Friday our Rabbis ruled that we are allowed to prepare food on the holiday for use on the Sabbath only if the preparation begins before the holiday. This is known as *Eruv Tavshilin*, or the "mixing of cooked foods", and is performed this year on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Chol Hamoed, Thursday, April 5 for the last days of Pesach. With a *matzah* and any cooked food in hand (such as fish or a hard boiled egg), we recite a blessing and declaration as is found in a siddur or Haggadah.

**After Pesach:** *Chametz* that was owned by a Jew during Pesach may not be consumed, even after Pesach. The *chametz* that you arranged to have been sold before Pesach will be returned to your possession at approximately 9:15 pm on Saturday, April 7. Price Chopper is Jewish owned and arranged for its *chametz* to be sold to a non-Jew through the Albany Vaad Hakashrut. Weis Markets is Jewish owned and the *chametz* in all the local stores was sold by me, while the stores in other areas have been arranged with other rabbis. The *chametz* at the local JCC, Hillel Academy and our synagogue was sold by me.

This information is accurate as of time of publication. If there are any changes which will affect the ability to purchase or consume *chametz* from or at any of these businesses, I will inform the congregation by e-mail. *If you do not receive e-mail updates from the synagogue, please send a request to [rabbisilber@stny.rr.com](mailto:rabbisilber@stny.rr.com) to be added to our distribution list.*

## **Pesach Schedule**

### **Erev Pesach**

Thursday, March 29	Mincha/Maariv	7:05 pm
	<i>Bedikat Chametz</i> –	
	Search for the Chametz	after 8:08 pm
Friday, March 30	Shacharit	7:00 am
	<i>Siyum</i>	approximately 7:30 am
	Latest time for eating <i>chametz</i>	11:02 am
	Latest time for burning <i>chametz</i>	12:05 pm

### **Pesach**

Friday, March 30	Candle lighting	7:09 pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:10 pm
	<i>Kiddush</i> at seder	after 8:09 pm
Shabbat, March 31	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 pm
	Candle Lighting and <i>Kiddush</i> at seder	after 8:10 pm
Sunday, April 1	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 pm
	Yom Tov ends	8:11 pm

### **Chol hamoed**

Monday – Wed., April 2-4	Shacharit	6:50 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 pm
Thursday, April 5	Shacharit	6:50 am

### **Last Days Pesach**

Thursday, April 5	Candle lighting	7:15 pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 pm
Friday, April 6	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 pm
	Candle lighting	<i>before</i> 7:16 pm
Shabbat, April 7	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Yizkor	approximately 10:45 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:05 pm
	Shabbat and Yom Tov end	8:18 pm

# SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood's March meeting will be the annual "Passover Workshop," with Rabbi Zev Silber answering your questions about Passover.

The meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 pm. and is open to the community.

There is no meeting in April; May will be a busy month.

Wednesday, May 2 -- InterSisterhood meeting, at Beth David

Sunday, May 6 – Beth David Annual Dinner, honoring Rabbi Zev Silber

Wednesday, May 9 -- Sisterhood Donor meeting, in a private home.

Sunday, May 20 – First day of Shavuot

Monday, May 21 – Second day of Shavuot – Yizkor – Shavuot Luncheon

Tuesday, May 22 — Temple Israel Sisterhood book review-Sisterhoods invited

Wednesday, June 9 – Sisterhood closing meeting

Please join us at any and all functions.

Marlene Serkin, co-President

## 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:

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

and located in the following places:

\_\_\_\_\_

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(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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 (5778)

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, March 30, 2018**

**MARCH - MAY MINYAN TIMES****MORNINGS** (times constant)

Sunday	8:30 am
* <i>Except April 1, 6</i>	9:00 am
Monday – Friday	7:00 am
* <i>Except April 2-5, 16; May 15</i>	6:50 am
Shabbat	9:00 am

**EVENINGS** (times constant)

Friday	7:15 pm
<i>Beginning April 13</i>	

**EVENINGS** (times vary)

Sunday - Thursday, March 11-15	6:50 pm
Friday, March 16	6:55 pm
Shabbat, March 17	6:40 pm
Sunday - Thursday, March 18-22	7:00 pm
Friday, March 23	7:05 pm
Shabbat, March 24	6:45 pm
Sunday - Thursday, March 25-29	7:05 pm
Friday, March 30 – Shabbat, April 7	<b>see Pesach Schedule</b>
Sunday - Thursday, April 8-12	7:20 pm
Shabbat, April 14	7:15 pm
Sunday - Thursday, April 15-19	7:30 pm
Shabbat, April 21	7:20 pm
Sunday - Thursday, April 22-26	7:40 pm
Shabbat, April 28	7:30 pm
Sunday - Thursday, April 29-May 3	7:45 pm
Shabbat, May 5	7:35 pm
Sunday - Thursday, May 6-10	7:55 pm
Shabbat, May 12	7:45 pm
Sunday - Thursday, May 13-17	8:00 pm
Shabbat, May 19	7:50 pm

**How to Contact Your Rabbi**

Rabbi Silber's office hours will be: Tuesdays, 10:00 am -12:00 noon.

Please feel free to stop by at these times, even without an appointment. If you need to consult with the rabbi and these times are not convenient for you, please call Rabbi Silber and you can work out a mutually acceptable time.

Occasionally these hours need to change, and changes are listed in the weekly announcement sheet distributed each Shabbat at services.

If you need to contact the rabbi, there are several ways that this can be done:

- Call the shul office (722-1793) and leave a message

If it is not urgent, you can e-mail the rabbi at [rabbisilber@stny.rr.com](mailto:rabbisilber@stny.rr.com)

In case of emergency, you can call or text the rabbi's cell phone: Rabbi Silber can be reached at 607-761-7098.

## Mitzvah Fund

Toby Kohn, 754-4297 or tova.kohn844@gmail.com  
Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

### Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi Zalman & Mrs. Rochel Chein on their new home.  
Eliezer Silber & Stacy Shaunler on their engagement.  
Rabbi Zev & Mrs. Judy Silber on the engagement of Eliezer & Stacy.  
Nancy Basmann on her photography award.

### Refuah Shelemah to:

Rita Shawn

Meryl Sasnowitz

### In Memory Of:

Gloria Lees, beloved sister of Marlene Serkin

## 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 March 22. 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 3 will be distributed in Israel

## Purim Seudah

We wish to give a special *yasher koach* and a loud "thank you" to our President, Saba Wiesner for the wonderful and delicious Purim Seudah that she prepared for us to enjoy as we celebrated the Purim holiday together with our Beth David family.

The great variety of sumptuous foods and the elegant table settings made this not only a dinner, but a true festive holiday meal. Those of you who weren't able to join us missed something exceptional, and you would want to reserve the date of Thursday, March 21, **2019** for next year's Purim feast.

### **Saba – Kol Hakavod!**

Many thanks to Lori Tuberman and her crew who once again baked more than 250 hamantashen which were greatly enjoyed by everyone attending the Megillah readings and the Purim Seudah. Lori's helpers this year in alphabetical order were Marilyn Bell, Maxine Kaplan, Moshe Shmaryahu, Cathy Velenchik, and Marie Werner

## Beth David Family

It has been a quiet month for the Beth David family, but a couple of events have trickled in. As usual, some good news comes along with some sad news. The following are the most recent events:

Rabbi Zalman and Rochel Chein held a housewarming in their new home in Vestal. The Cheins have been part of the Binghamton community for over 8 years. They were joined by members of the community to celebrate their move to Vestal and their new home.

Condolences to the family of Norman Rudin (Nota Hersh ben Gershon), who passed away very recently, was a longtime member of our congregation. Norman is survived by his wife, Marian, his children Jackie, Hal and Louis—and their spouses—his grandchildren and great grandchildren. *Hamakom Yenachem Etchem b'toch shear aveilei Zion ve'rushalayim* (May the family find consolation among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem).

A contingent of present and former Binghamtonians attended a surprise 70th birthday party for Meryl Sasnowitz in Passaic, NJ. Those in attendance were Aaron & Miriam Alweis, Marlene Serkin, Judy Simon, Harold & Toby Kohn, Chaim Joy & Cathy Velenchik, Susan, Michael and Kerry Wright. Former residents and their spouses were Shmuel and Marian Morell, Russel & Sima Morell Kelner and Robert and Susan Rendsburg Grosberg.

The Beth David family and I are looking forward to hearing of some new *simchas* in the upcoming months, which will add to our joy as we prepare for Passover and a new season.

Gina Santiago

## Thank You

I understand that several people, members of Beth David and some non-members have contributed to the Synagogue to have Dora's name added to the Tree Of Life. What a wonderful tribute to my blessed wife. My children, Allen & Amy, join me in thanking you very much for your thoughtfulness, remembrance and caring.

Steve Feuer

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I want to thank those who sent me Shaloch Monot for Purim and to wish everyone a *Chag Sameach* for Pesach.

Lillian Zodikoff

Dear Members and Friends,

At a recent board meeting, the Beth David Board of Trustees voted to purchase a number of the new edition of the siddur that will soon be published by the RCA (Rabbinical Council of America). These siddurim will contain a new translation, new commentary and a number of differences from the siddurim that we currently use and should be more appropriate for a modern orthodox congregation such as ours. Some of our existing siddurim will be kept and still available for use, while others will be replaced as they have been "repaired" several times.

We are offering our members and friends the opportunity to become a lasting part of our Synagogue by donating one or more of these new siddurim in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. Each siddur can be donated for \$36.00, and will be labeled on the inside front cover with a special dedication or memorial from you, the giver. This is a special way to make your family's name a permanent fixture in Beth David from one generation to the next.

Whether you are currently a member or once upon a time you were a close associate with our Shul, we want to keep your family's name forever in our history.

Please send your check -- made payable to Beth David Synagogue -- with instructions on what you would like printed inside your siddur.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information, please call me at 797-0181. Help us inscribe your family name in our Beth David history.

Shalom  
Paula Rubin

## Give Double Chai

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a *Chag Kosher V'Sameach* to all our congregants and friends.

Remember, it is your sponsorship that keeps the *ChaiLine* coming to your home six times a year. You can be a sponsor to celebrate a Simcha, to commemorate a Yahrzeit, to say thank you, for any reason, or for no reason. We appreciate your sponsorship of the *ChaiLine* at any time.

A donation of double *Chai*, \$36.00 per occasion, makes you a sponsor. **\$180.00** makes you a **Special Sponsor**, and for \$18.00 you can have a thank you note printed. Just send your check along with a note stating your message, to the Shul office before the next deadline (April 29, 2018) and it will be taken care of.

Thank you in advance for your sponsorship.

Marlene Serkin  
*ChaiLine* Coordinator

# Contributions

## General Fund from:

Dina and Yosef Cotton in memory of Dina's parents, Jimmy and Gussie Berg  
James and Debbie Moore in memory of Jeanette DeLeon  
Ruth and Howard Buschman in memory of Marlene Serkin's sister

## Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon Fund

Rita Shawn  
Kathie Shelly

Ruth Goldstein  
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Eileen Miller  
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## Sisterhood General Fund from:

The DeLeon Family thanking Sisterhood for preparing the Meal of Consolation

## Thanks to our Sponsors

Filomena Kiessling to thank to **Merri Pell-Preus and Susan Hubal** for their acts of kindness

**Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy** in memory of Cathy's parents, **Max and Helen Velenchik**

**Marcy and Gabi Yonaty** in memory of **Ethel Aaron Hauser**

**Steven and Rika Katz** wishing a **Chag Sameach** to all our friends at Beth David

**Paula and Charles Rubin** in loving memory of our son, **Stephen**

# CHAG SAMEACH

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# Beth David Sisterhood

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## PRE-PESACH WORKSHOP

with Rabbi Zev Silber

### Ask the Rabbi

Preparing the Kitchen & Passover Products

Please submit preparation and product questions  
in advance by email to  
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### The Seder

The *Seder* on *Shabbat* - Are there any changes?  
Making it a Meaningful & Positive Experience  
Preparation and Implementation

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

7:00 pm

Beth David Synagogue  
39 Riverside Drive

All Invited \* Open to the Community

