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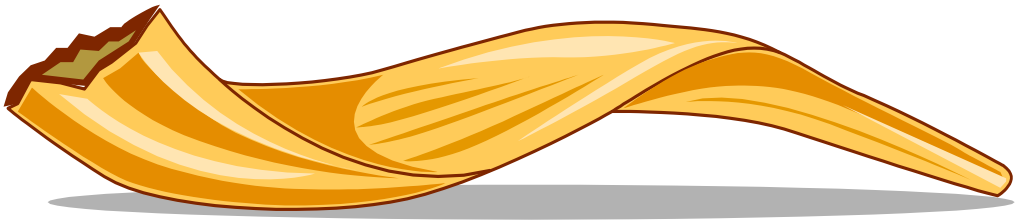

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Erev Pesach that Occurs on Shabbos
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1. **Bedikah and Bitul Chometz**: Thursday evening, April 17th. Careful Bedikas Chometz is made as usual; Brocho is said; Bitul of all chometz "unknown to owner" is made after the bedika. Chometz to be eaten during Friday is put aside in a closed cabinet.

Final Bitul encompassing all chometz (known and unknown to owner) is said on Shabbos, after the Seudas Shabbat (before 11:34 a.m.)

2. **Fast of First Born** – Thursday, April 17th. A Siym will IY"H be held at all the morning minyanim. Those who intend to fast may have a cup of coffee before beginning Bedikas Chometz in the evening so as to allow for a meticulous, unhurried Bedikas Chometz.

3. **Burning of Chometz** – Friday, April 18th, at approximately 11:34 a.m. Although chometz can be eaten all day, the time for Biur Chometz is maintained as if it were Erev Pesach.

4. What to Serve Shabbos –Chometz or Pesachdik? Two options are open -

Key Point: Matzo cannot be eaten Erev Pesach; Chometz is inconvenient to serve.

Note: Kehilla will daven early (7:00 a.m.) to permit chometz to be eaten until the maximum time of 10:10 a.m

Option A: If chometz challah is served all crumbs etc., must be flushed down the drain before 11:34 a.m. If a 'cholent' is served, no grain products such as wheat or barley should be used in its preparation. Beans or rice can be used in addition to potatoes.

If chometz is served, dishes cannot be washed until Chol Hamoed, Tuesday, April 22nd. Disposable plates and tableware are therefore recommended. All 'real chometz' should be flushed down the sewer.

Seudah Shlishit must be eaten before approximately 4:00 p.m. and should consist of fruit and/or vegetable salad, or cottage cheese dish, but no "mezonos".

Option B: Shabbos meal should be as for Pesach. For Challah substitute egg matzo. Although it is forbidden to eat

egg matzo on Pesach, it is neither matzo nor 'real' chometz. It can be kept in house during Pesach. When used as challah for Seudas Shabbos, egg matzos require "Washing", "Hamotze", and "Benching". However, a larger amount must be eaten; approximately 2 egg matzos per person per meal. Thus, for Friday evening and Shabbos morning use egg matzos. Use care not to introduce crumbs into Pesach dishes. Meal should be concluded as if chometz were used – i.e. by 10:10 a.m. after which egg matzos are put away until after Pesach in "chometz closet".

Additional Points:

a) The seder needs should all be prepared on Friday; specifically, grinding of horse radish or inspection of Romain lettuce leaves and preparation of the "Shank Bone' (zeroah) if it is a family custom to broil it. If it is broiled after Shabbos, it must be eaten at Sunday afternoon meal and a new one prepared for second seder. Charoses and even salt water should be prepared on Friday.

b) The wine cup for 'the 4 cups' should contain at least three ounces. Four and one-half ounces is the 'chumrah' shiur. Grape juice should **not** be substituted, except for medical reasons.

c) No broiled meat or chicken (nor pan fried or pot roasted) can be served during Sedorim.