

B'NAI TORAH CONGREGATION PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE



Siyum B'Chor Service for the first-born male

Monday, March 29, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

This is to commemorate the fact that the first-born of Israel were spared the fate of the Egyptians who were smitten during the tenth plague. It became compulsory for the first born of each Jewish family to fast on the day preceding Passover. However, if the first-born participates in a Seudat Mitzvah, which is always after the conclusion of a rabbinic study, he is exempt from fasting. We earnestly request everyone who is a first-born (or even those who are not) to participate in this service and learning experience.

Yom Tov and Shabbat-Chol Hamoed Services for Passover

First and Second Days of Passover

Monday, March 29

5:30 p.m. (Glassman Chapel)

Tuesday, March 30

8:45 a.m. (Main Sanctuary)

5:30 p.m. (Glassman Chapel)

Wednesday, March 31

8:45 a.m. (Main Sanctuary)

5:30 p.m. (Glassman Chapel)

Saturday, April 3

8:45 a.m. (Main Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. (Eleanor & Paul Weiner Cultural Center)

7:45 p.m. (Glassman Chapel)

Seventh and Eighth Days of Passover

Sunday, April 4

5:30 p.m. (Glassman Chapel)

Monday, April 5

8:45 a.m. (Main Sanctuary)

5:30 p.m. (Glassman Chapel)

Tuesday, April 6

8:45 a.m. (Main Sanctuary) *YIZKOR service*

5:30 p.m. (Glassman Chapel)



SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ/SELLING OF CHAMETZ

The Search for Chametz — Sunday, March 28, 2010 after nightfall

A formal search for leaven (bedikat chametz) is conducted on the night before Pesach. This symbolizes the final removal of leaven (chametz) from the home. Before the search, it is customary to deposit small pieces of bread (ten pieces, according to kabbalistic lore) in strategic places so that the inspection should have a purpose. It is traditionally carried out by the light of a candle, with a feather and a wooden spoon to collect the chametz. All this is set aside until morning. Why do we use a candle? "The spirit of man is the lamp of God, searching all the inward parts."

Mechirat Chametz (Selling of Chametz) Passover 5770

The Bible instructs that in observing Pesach, all leaven must be removed from one's home. When the conditions of life made it impossible to literally fulfill this Biblical command, rabbinic authorities instituted a legal fiction: the individual transfers his hametz to the rabbi, who in turn sells it to a non-Jew. It is traditional at Pesach time to give Tzedakah to help feed the hungry. This is referred to as Ma'ot Chitim. All contributions made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for Ma'ot Chitim will go to the Forster Kosher Food Pantry in cooperation with Jewish Family Service and the J.C.C.

The transfer to Rabbi Steinhardt should be done in person, but if this is impossible, please mail in the following declaration.

I, _____
empower and permit Rabbi David Steinhardt to act in my stead and behalf to sell all hametz, (leaven) possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly and to lease all places affix my signature on this day

Signature

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