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### INTRODUCTION

One of the most meaningful events in Jewish History occurred about 3,300 years ago, when our ancestors were freed from slavery in Egypt. Pessah, the cornerstone of Jewish faith is replete with traditions and symbols with deep underlying meanings in order to remember this closeness with Hashem forever. this booklet is based on traditional original Sephardic customs. Many chumrot of the world Kashrut supervision follow Ashkenazic traditions , mainly Kitniyot and mixtures of Kitniyot, which Maran HaBet Yosef did not follow..

We hope you will find this booklet useful in your Pessah preparations. Our best wishes for a very happy and Kasher Pessah Holiday. The following psakim, were compiled according to the Sephardic tradition to their fullest detail following three leaders of our time: Rabbi Mordechai Elyahu ZT"L, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef ZT"L, and Rabbi Yitzhak Abadi Sh'lita. In case the view of your local Rabbi is different from the one presented here, you should follow your local Rabbi that may have a different Custom. If you have any comments, please send them, by Email [only.bethdinorg@gmail.com](mailto:only.bethdinorg@gmail.com)

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all my Rabbis and teachers mentioned above, to the Yeshiva of Beth Medrash Govoha, Lakewood, N.J, and especially to the Rosh Hayeshiva, Harav Hagoon Rabbi Shneur Kotler, ZT"L, I also thank my friends and colleagues whom I learn and work with daily. May the Almighty bless them and all their followers with long life, good health and happiness.

--Rabbi Gabriel Cohen

## **PREFACE TO KASHRUT OF PESSAH 5780**

There are some new items in this list. To help avoid the Pessah expenses that keep rising and make it very hard to cope with, it is a mitzvah for every Rav that has proper knowledge of food products to guide his Kehila of what is permitted without a specific hechsher for Pessah and on the other hand avoid the foods that are not in the spirit of Pessah even if they are kosher for Pessah. Since they resemble chamets people might get confused and make the same product with wheat which is real chamets. For example: Pessah bagels, Pizza rolls, croutons, knishes and many more items that closely mimic the year-round baked foods: these should be avoided .

### **THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF PESSAH THE MONTH OF NISSAN**

Our Master Moshe Rabenu instituted that we should begin to study the laws of each Holiday in its appropriate time. For Pessah that has so many complex laws we should start at least 30 days before. If not, then at least the week before.

During the whole month of Nissan, no Tachanunim are said to commemorate the Dedication of the Tabernacle (Mishkan), which took place on the first days of Nissan. Neither do we say Tzidkatecha in Mincha of Shabbat. No fasting is allowed during this month, except for fasting to annul a bad dream.

**MAOT HITTIM** -It refers to the Mitzva of helping the poor have food for Pessah, providing them with wine, Matzot and all other Pessah needs. It is a great Mitzvah for each Jew to see to the needs of any poor fellow men

**SHABBAT HAGADOL**- The Shabbat before Pessah is called Shabbat Hagadol, "The great Shabbat", because of the great masses of people that used to gather to learn the laws of Pessah. Another reason is because miraculously the Egyptians did not harm the Jews, nor react when they saw the Jews preparing to slaughter their idol, the sheep. Also, a civil war broke out between the Egyptians firstborn against the population when they heard and believed that Hashem will kill the firstborn.

**THE BLESSING ON THE FRUIT TREES**-During the month of Nissan when we see blossoming fruit trees (at least two trees), we recite the Beracha: "Baruch Ata A. E. Melech Haolam, Shelo Hisser Beolamo Davar Ubara Bo Beriyot Tovot Ve'ilanot Tovim Lehanot Bahen Benei Adam".

**THE FAST OF THE FIRST-BORN-TA'ANIT BECHOROT** -• Every first-born male is commanded to fast on the Eve of Pessah, including Kohanim and Levi'im, to thank Hashem for saving the Jewish firstborn. This fast continues until nightfall. • However, if a person partakes in a meal celebrating a Brit Mila, Pidyon Haben, a Sheva Berachot, or a Siyum (a completion of a whole Sefer), he may break his fast.

**WHAT IS HAMETS**-The Torah prohibits any products made with the five grains mixed with water, they become Hamets. The five grains are wheat, barley, rye, oats, and spelt. The prohibition extends to 3 prohibitions: • not eating Hamets • not deriving any pleasure from Hamets physically or financially • not owning any Hamets during Pessah including not accepting any. If a person receives Hamets during Pessah he should refuse it and if it comes by mail, he should not bring it into the house. In addition, any mixture made during Pessah with Hamets even the least minute, even 1/1000th amount, it is Assur. If the mixture happened before Pessah, the Hamets is annulled in 1/60th.

Products that are "Kasher for Pessah" means those which do not contain any trace of Hamets.

### **CLEANING THE HOUSE AND PREPARING IT FOR PESSAH - LAWS OF BITUL - SEARCHING FOR HAMETS**

On or before the 13th of Nissan, a person should clean the house thoroughly from any Hamets. The cleaning for Pessah includes rooms, closets, hidden areas and cracks where there could be Hamets. The Mitzvah to search for Hamets starts on the night of the 14th of Nissan, when the stars appear even before a late Arvit. A person should not get busy learning or eating at this time. If one forgot to check for Hamets on the night of the 14th of Nissan, one may do so on the 14th by day.

**BEDIKAT HAMETS**- It must be done in every place a person owns or rents, even in an office or a business. The search must be done in places where Hamets is likely to have been put, including wine cellars, attics, shops, closets cabinets clothes pockets, books (books that you need for Pessah) etc. One must search in all holes and crevices of walls as deeply as the hand can reach.

It is customary to hide ten small pieces of bread, wrapped in clear wrap, around the house in order for the search to have a goal and a reason to say the blessing.

Bedikat Hamets is performed by candlelight, or with strong and clear electric lights, but not a burning torch. Bedikat Hamets that is carried out by moonlight is not valid. The Beracha for the Bedikat Hamets is: "Baruch Ata Ado/nay E.lo/henu Melech Haolam Asher Kideshanu Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu Al Biur Hamets". One Beracha is enough for carrying out Bedikat Hamets in various rooms or houses. If a person needs to check for Hamets earlier but within 30 days of Pessah, he could say the bracha.

**BITUL** - After Bedikat Hamets one must nullify all Hamets by saying, "Any leaven and Hamets which is in my possession, which I have not seen or eliminated, is hereby declared worthless as the dust of the earth"! And this is what he says (three times), in Aramaic, "Kal Chamira Vechamia De'ika Birshuti, Dela Chazite Udela Biarte, Udela Yadana Leh, Livtil Veleheve Ke'afra De'ara". This may be said in any language. • The Hamets found during the search and any Hamets which will be eaten before the time of burning should be put safely away.

**TRAVELING AWAY**-If a person leaves home more than 30 days before Pessah and he is not returning during Pessah he does not need to make Bedikat Hamets. However, wherever he is he must do Bitul Hamets . If he travels within 30 days of Pessah, he must perform Bedikat Hamets. People that travel out of time zone should contact the Rabbi for a special sale of Hamets. It is permissible to eat Hamets up to about 10:30 A.M. on the 14th of Nissan, and then within the following hour it should be burnt.

**GETTING RID OF THE HAMETS** -The elimination of Hamets is done by burning it, (or by throwing it into the sea). After burning the Hamets, the following is declared:" "Any leaven or Hamets which may still be in my possession, which I have or have not seen which I have or have not destroyed, should be worthless as the dust of the ground". "Kol Chamira Vechamia De'ika Birshuti, Dechazite Udela Chazite, Debiarte Udela Biarte, Livtil Uleheve Ke'afra De'Ara" • If Hamets is found during Hol Hamoed Pessah, it must be destroyed immediately. If it is a sizeable piece, the Beracha of Biur Hamets should be recited. If the Hamets is found on Yom Tov or Shabbat, it may not be touched, but should be covered until Hol Hamoed, when it must be burned.

It is assur to benefit from any amount of Hamets. This prohibition includes eating, selling, or even feeding an animal. Pots used during the year with Hamets cannot be used during Pessah and must be cleaned and put away until after Pessah. (see later that if a person needs to use any pot or utensil from the year, he must Kasherize it before Pessah. Books, Siddurim and Birkonim must also be put away if they might have some Hamets.

**A NON-JEW'S HAMETS** A non-Jew that brings his own Hamets into a Jew's domain must make his own little space to eat and clean up immediately after. A Jew may not guard or take responsibility for any Non-Jew's Hamets, during Pessah.

**THE SELLING OF HAMETS** - since it is prohibited to possess Hamets on Pessah, any Hamets left undisposed of, must be sold, or given to a non-Jew. This is not meant to be a fictitious sale, but a real business transaction. Since there are many legal intricacies involved in this sale, a rabbi acts as our agent both to sell the Hamets to the non-Jew on the morning before Pessah and to buy it back the evening after Pessah ends. Jewish law requires that our Hamets be sold by the specified time zone for the location in which the owner will be on the day before Pessah. NOTE: Hamets which remained in our ownership, possession, during Pessah, and not sold to a non-Jew, may not be used ever. You may buy Hamets after Pessah from supermarkets and drug stores which sold the Hamets. However, if you know that the Jewish storekeepers did not sell the Hamets, you must wait a reasonable time until they sell out their Hamets, or buy from stores that are not Jewish owned.

NOTE: Hamets which was delivered to a Jewish store during Pessah may not be used after Pessah unless it was included in a previous sale of Hamets to a non-Jew.

**Please read the list then send your detailed kashrut questions to: [bethdinorg@gmail.com](mailto:bethdinorg@gmail.com) please no phone calls.**

**Since a tremendous amount of research and clarification has been invested in this list, please read the list and try to use only the items from this list.**

**No questions will be answered after Shabbat HaGadol**

**MATZA AND MATZA SHMURA** -The Matzot we consume during Pessah, are made from the five grains. All Matza dough may not exceed 18 minutes from the second the flour is mixed with water till the Matza is completely baked. There is a special Mitzvah to eat Matza Shmura during the Seder night. Matza Shmura means that the wheat was supervised from the time of harvest from getting wet .

There are three levels of Matza: • 1-SHMURA The wheat was watched from the time of harvest. • 2-The wheat was watched from getting wet from the time of grinding and baked within 18 minutes of the beginning. • 3-Watched only from the time the flour was initially mixed with water. This last one is usually the way the simple machine Kasher for Pessah Matza is made.

A person can find these same 3 levels in Machine Matza.

**OAT MATZA** - Not all poskim hold that oats matza is Hamotzi and they are not Mekayem mitzvat Matza on Pessach. It is advisable that the manufacturer writes that on the package. Some hold it is Shehakol or if in kernels, it is haodomo .It is maachal behema, animal food. Therefore it is misleading the tzibbur.

**COOKING AND BAKING WITH MATZA KNOWN AS “GEBROCHT”** -A Matza that has been wetted, cooked, fried, or made into baked items is called GEBROCHT. It is permitted for sefaradim.

Matsa mixtures are found in many foods. In that case, those that are strict to eat only Shmura Matza need to be strict and use foods that contain **ONLY** Shmura Matza meal flour only. This problem arises in Gefilte fish, cookies, cakes, and doughnuts as these products are often made with the simple Matza meal flour.

**SEALED PRODUCTS-** Anything that was used before is not to be used on Pessah. (i.e., **open jar of peanut butter or avocado oil**) – Everything must be opened new and fresh on Pessah.

**MATZA ASHIRA AND EGG MATZOT** -Matzot made with no water at all but only with real pure fruit juice (not concentrate mix) or eggs, are permitted. They may be eaten on Pessah, and surely by the sick and elderly. However, one cannot fulfill the mitzvah of Matza for the Seder night with it.

**KITNIOT** -Sephardim do eat kitniot.

Some have the custom to check Rice (three times) in order to ensure that there is no grain mixed with it. Due to the stringency of not eating Hamets on Pessah, for the Ashkenazim and some Sephardim a custom has been developed not to eat some Kitniot, legumes.

There are 3 reasons for this custom of not eating kitniot: • Since they were usually sold in bags next to each other, maybe some wheat or flour got mixed with the Kitniot. • Because when made as a cereal it looks like grain cereal. • It is possible to grind Kitniot and make a loaf similar looking to bread such as corn bread.

**IN KITNIOT CUSTOMS, THERE ARE THREE LEVELS:** • Those that permit all Kitniot. • Those that don't use rice, millet or any dried legumes but permit all fresh. • The Ashkenazim that don't consume any in any shape or form even in mixtures.

However the first two customs permit mixtures of Kitniot and surely its derivatives such as: corn syrup, oils, lecithin glucose and emulsifier, etc.. Legumes are permitted for most Sephardic Jews who, for various historical reasons, did not adopt this custom of refraining from Kitniot consumption on Pessah. Therefore Israeli or foreign Hechsherim for Pessah are found on candies, jams, mustard, and other products containing legumes. These products may be usable on Pessah by Sephardim.

However According to many opinions those that don't eat Kitniot, the mixtures are permitted even if the Kitniot are 51% of the mixture. That is why some supervising companies certify Kasher mixtures of corn syrup and legumes (including for Ashkenazim) they are correct for doing so to enhance the Pessah

happiness and accommodate those that cannot afford the high-priced items for Pessah. “Hatorah hassa al mamonam shel yisrael” The Torah is careful not to waste the money of Bene Yisrael. During the years of wars, sicknesses and magefot ,the Poskim permitted eating kitniot for Ashkenazim.

According to all opinions (including Ashkenazim) it is permitted to benefit from Kitniot and own them on Pessah and when necessary, babies and young children may even eat Kitniot.

For the Sephardim any food that is free of Hamets may be considered kosher. However, the Ashkenazim insist that all foods must be supervised in order to be kosher for Pessah. According to Maran Rav Ovadia Yosef ZT” L, we should not buy any products intended for Pessah without the approval of a Rabbi.

In all items where there is real and edible Hamets, meaning if in the ingredients there is wheat or any of the five grains, these foods should not be eaten on Pessah, even if the amount is minute and it is annulled in the one sixtieth formula before Pessah. Even though as a rule we don’t hold of Hozer veneor, but, since the Halacha of this Bitul is very complex, and they are beyond the scope of this booklet. All items containing Hamets that are not edible even by a dog, lose their status of Hamets. If the product is made before Pessah it is permitted, such as Play dough etc to use and keep.

### LIST OF COMMONLY USED LEGUMES- KITNIOT

asparagus bean or snake bean asparagus pea baby lima bean black bean black turtle bean Boston bean Boston navy bean broad bean cannellini bean chili bean chick peas(garbanzo) cocoa bean corn cranberry bean Egyptian bean Egyptian white broad bean English bean fava bean fava-coceira field pea French green beans frijole bola roja frijole negro great Northern bean green beans green and yellow peas kidney beans lima bean Madagascar bean Mexican black bean Mexican red bean molasses face bean mung bean mung pea mungo bean mustard navy bean pea bean Peruvian bean pinto bean (peanuts) red bean red eye bean red kidney bean rice bean runner bean sesame scarlet runner bean small red bean small white bean soybean wax bean white kidney bean white pea bean lentils, tofu, , sunflower seeds, poppy seeds, kasha, kimmel, cumin, and lecithin rice, , millet.

The following are **NATURALLY-KASHER** -Meats, chicken, fish, fruits, fresh vegetables, etc. whether these products are bought specifically for Pessah or not, they can be washed/scrubbed before and used for Pessah.

**RICE**-SEE RICE BELOW

**OILS:** vegetable oil, corn oil peanut oil, almond oil , canola oil, olive oil, coconut oil, soy oil, soya oil, , tofu oil, Pure Rice Bran Oil

**VEGETABLES (FROZEN & FRESH)** -Many vegetables may be used on Pessah. However Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Spinach have a different problem. They are often full of tiny bugs and are therefore very hard to clean even if they have a kosher sticker or say bug free they must be re-checked at home.

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**-It is preferred to buy fresh over frozen. However if it is hard to find the same quality in fresh, frozen may be used for Pessah . I s

**MEDICATIONS** -If medication is needed for a dangerously sick person then all medication is permitted. If not dangerously sick, the medications that contain only Kitniot are permitted. If the medications contain wheat, it might be permitted in specific circumstances, (The condition “Ahsheveh” is only applicable to make non edible food into food, but not to make the food Assour for Pessah).An adult should refrain from consuming sweet tasting medicines.

**VINEGAR** -Apple cider vinegar, Apple vinegar, synthetic vinegar, distilled vinegar are all OK. However, wine vinegar and red vinegar are not kosher unless it says it is Kasher LePessah. White distilled vinegar is made from corn and is permitted for Pessah. Distilled Vinegar in products such as Heinz ketchup, Best Foods or Hellman’s mayonnaise, French’s mustard and Claussens pickles, is synthetic vinegar and not from grain. However, when in doubt, contact the manufacturer or buy it with the Kasher for Pessah symbol.

**GELATIN**-Gelatin made from non-Kasher animal sources is not readily found certified for year-round use. However, the OU Certificate was awarded to pharmaceutical companies and nutraceuticals for the growing number of health-conscious kosher consumers.

The D on KASHRUT labels. -The “D” in Kashrut certifications as in OU-D or an OK-D usually indicates dairy equipment. However, if it contains dairy ingredients the product may not be eaten with meat nor cooked in meat utensils. Nevertheless according to most Poskim, dairy equipment is not a problem for whether one keeps or doesn’t keep Chalav Yisrael.

**PROCESSED PRODUCTS – all products including vitamins and medicines should be bought before Pessah .**

**PRODUCTS IN STORES** -We have found that stores often mistakenly place the NON-PESSAH Kasher foods in the “Pessah” section of the freezer. So please be careful.

#### ALPHABETIZED LIST

IF YOUR RABBI OR YOUR CUSTOM DOES NOT AGREE WITH ANY OF THE ITEMS IN THIS LIST, FOLLOW YOUR RABBI.

WHENEVER AN ITEM IS DECLARED OK. OR KASHER, IT MEANS THAT, ONLY IF IT IS KASHER ALL YEAR ROUND, IT DOES NOT NEED SPECIAL SUPERVISION FOR PESSACH.

WHEN A DAIRY FOOD IS CONSIDERED KASHER, IT DOES NOT IMPLY THAT IT IS CHALAV YISRAEL

ACIDS: Ascorbic acid, ascorbate, sodium erythorbate malto dextrins, sodium citrate, vitamin C ,xanthan gum , and all food preservatives are ok.

AGAVE: organic pure agave is ok

AIRLINE MEALS: Check for Kasher for Pessah seal.

AIR FRESHENER: any ok

ALCOHOL: Any wood alcohol, synthetic, or isopropyl. ok

ALKA SELTZER: ok

ALMOND BUTTER: 100% almonds, ok

ALMOND FLOUR (KIRKLAND): ok

ALMOND MILK: Almond milk may be used on Pessah since it only contains kitniyot. Plain, fresh, organic, unsweetened Vanilla, Original, or Chocolate e.g. Almond Breeze, from Whole Foods. some may be dairy.

ALMOND PASTE: OK

ALMONDS, GROUND: only in original factory packages and not store repackaged.

ALUMINUM FOIL, DISPOSABLE PANS: All brands ok.

AMMONIA: Any brand.

ANALGESICS: All recommended, i.e. Tylenol etc. ok

ANIMAL FOOD: must be free of wheat gluten. PET ANIMAL FOOD: Most commercial pet foods contain actual Hamets (wheat, barley, starch, etc.) and may not be used on Pessah. Non-Hamets substitutes should be used. Mainly bird food needs to be certified that does not contain grain products, but cat and dog food does not. If it is impossible to find Kasher for Pessah, one must sell these and all the animals to a non-Jew for the duration of Pessah unconditionally. Then the non-Jew may feed the animals, at his discretion, whatever he wants.

FISH FOOD is ok

ANTACIDS: Tums ok

ANTI-DIARRHEAS: ok

APPLE CIDER VINEGAR (KIRKLAND): ok

APPLE JUICE: Any pure, ok

APPLESAUCE: Plain, Cinnamon (if ground, not liquid), Plain Chunky, Natural Unsweetened, and Natural, ok

ARROWROOT FLOUR: ok

AVOCADO OIL: ok

AVOCADO OIL COOKING SPRAY: ok

BABY CEREAL: Beechnut Rice Cereal, Rice & Apples or Bananas - Gerber Rice Cereal, Rice Cereal with Bananas, Rice Cereal with Apples, Rice cereal with Applesauce and Bananas. Rice Cereal with Mixed Fruit, ok

BABY FOOD Packaged: if it contains only water and organic vegetable like pure carrots sweet potato, banana and rice. However, many of *Earth's Best* have oats and other grains that are Hamets

BABY FOOD: *Beechnut* Babies First Water, Golden delicious Applesauce, Chiquita Bananas, Yellow Cling Peaches, Bartlett Pears, Tender Sweet Peas, Butternut Squash, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Apples & Apricots, Bananas, Cherries, California Peaches, Carrots& Peas, Mixed Vegetables, Plum with Apples and. Tropical Blend Nectar, Prunes with Pears and Plums with Apples & Rice. ok

*Gerber* Applesauce, Bananas, Peaches, Pears, Prunes, Carrots, Green beans, Peas, Potatoes, Squash, Sweet Potatoes, Apple Blueberry, Applesauce, Applesauce Apricot, Apricots with Tapioca, Banana with Pineapple with Tapioca, Bananas with Tapioca, Peaches, Pears, Pear Pineapple, Plums with Tapioca, Prunes with Tapioca, Beets, Carrots, Creamed Corn, Garden Vegetables, Green Beans, Peas, Squash, Sweet Potato.

Apple Banana, Apple Blueberry, Applesauce, Apricots with Tapioca, Banana Pineapple with Tapioca, Banana. Bananas with Tapioca, Fruit salad, Peaches, Plum with Tapioca, Carrots, squash and Sweet Potatoes. (*HAPPY BABY*) ok

BABY FORMULA: *Similac* with iron, or low iron ready to feed, concentrate or powder *Enfamil* Next Step, Nutramigen, Lacto Free, with iron or low iron ready to feed, concentrate or powder- *Isomil* Soy Formula ready to feed, concentrate or powder. *Carnation*, Pedialyte Unflavored, Bubble Gum, Grape or fruit flavor.

BABY: OILS, CREAMS, OINTMENTS, BABY POWDER, and BABY WIPES: ok.

BAKING POWDER: ok.

BAKING SODA: any e.g. Arm & Hammer ok

BALLOONS: ok

BAND-AIDS: ok

BAGELS made from Matza meal, not allowed for Ashkenazim for the same reason as Kitniyot.

BARBERRIES (zereshk): a new package for Pessach for dried barberries

BBQ sauce if one of the ingredients is food starch it is not kosher for Pessah

BEER: is Hamets, not kosher.

BEYOND MEAT-BEYOND BURGER -needs kashrut supervision all year and Pessah.

BIRD FOOD: sunflower seeds and any food that does not contain grain products, o.k.

BLACK FLAG ROACH: ok

BLACK BEANS: Golchin ok. Trader Joe's canned Fat free refried beans (ingredients: cooked beans, water, salt) Trader Joe's canned organic beans (any variety); ingredients are the bean, water, sea salt. ok

BLEACH: ok

BICARBONATE OF SODA: ok

BORIC ACID: ok

BRANDY: Needs Kasher for Pessah.

BROWN RICE QUINOA FUSILLI PASTA TRADER JOE'S: ok.

BROWN RICE BY TRADER JOE'S: ok

BUCKWHEAT: Buckwheat (*Fagopyrum esculentum*) is a plant cultivated for its grain-like seeds. If no mixtures then ok

**BUTTER:** Those that are Kasher year round. Breakstone Co- Salted Whipped Butter, Unsalted Whipped Butter, Salted Quarters, Unsalted Quarters. Land O Lakes With & Without Salt, Honey & Garlic Butter & Light. ok

**CANDIES:** Most hard candies are Kasher, since the problem is mainly corn syrup. Taffies and soft candies need to be Kasher for Pessah. Also, see “Chocolate” listings below.

**CASHEW MILK.** OK but maybe dairy

**CANDY:** Barton’s Chocolate; Goldenberg’s Peanut Chews; Fiddle Faddle- Poppy Cock, Inc.; Hershey’s Krackel Milk Chocolate; Special Dark Kisses; Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups; Symphony - Milk Chocolate with Almonds. ok

**CANDY, RING-POPS:** ok

**CANDLES:** Any.

**CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES:** Any 100% pure, plain is Kasher. (Frozen, canned, and dried) if plain with no additives are ok. Buy them before Pessah.

**CAKES, COOKIES AND BAKED GOODS:** Must be Kasher for Pessah. They are made from potato starch, Matzo Meal or Cake Meal. Those that eat only Matza Shmura should make sure that the Matzo Meal or cake meal used are of Matza Shmura.

**CAT FOOD:** Make sure they don’t contain wheat products. See “Pet Animal Food”.

**CEREAL:** Needs Kasher for Pessah

**CHARCOAL:** ok **CHARCOAL BRIQUETS:** ok.

**CHEESE:** Kasher cheese used year-round is OK, UNLESS one uses Chalav Yisrael.

**CREAM CHEESE, COTTAGE, FETA:** Kasher all year round, OK unless one uses only chalav Yisrael

**CREAM CHEESE, KROGER:** ok **CREAM CHEESE, PHILADELPHIA:** ok (NOT Chalaav Yisrael)

**CHICKEN AND MEAT:** All kasher if you have in the freezer from before, wash and clean it.

**CHICKEN COOKED in BARBECUE SAUCE, TURKEY IN BARBECUE SAUCE,** needs “KP”

**CHIA SEED:** OK **Chia seeds** are tiny black seeds from the plant Salvia Hispanica, which is related to the mint. **Chia seeds** were an important food for the Aztecs and Mayans back in the olden days.

**CHICKPEAS-Garbanzo Beans:** Kitniot. Fresh or Canned, ok. Barilla chickpea Rotini (ingredients: chickpea flour; produced on a dedicated gluten free line) ok.

Some keep the custom of not eating chickpeas.

**CHILI SAUCE:** Heinz ok.

**CHILDREN’S ANALGESICS:** Any Tylenol, Aspirin, etc. ok

**CHOCOLATE:** Check if you need Chalav Yisrael . if it is Pareve it is ok

**CHOCOLATE CANDY:** Hershey’s Plain Milk Chocolate, Chocolate with Almonds, Kisses plain and With Almonds, Hugs plain & with Almonds, Symphony with and Without Almonds. Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups and Nutrageous M&M, Mars, Snickers Bars, M&M’s plain or with peanuts, Goldenberg’s -Peanut Chews, Nestle Chunky with Nuts & Raisins, Raisinettes, Babe Ruth, Butterfinger and Goobers Pearson Nips - Coffee, Chocolate, Parfait, Caramel & Butter. Cadbury Fruit & Nut, Dairy Milk, Roast Almond, Caramello. ok .Lecithin that is used has only a question of Kitniot only and is kasher for everyone.

**CHOCOLATE CHIPS:** Hershey Real Semi-Sweet and Raspberry Chocolate, Plain Milk Chocolate, Premier White ok, Trader Joe’s – yes but **dairy**

**CHOCOLATE LIQUOR:** Needs to be kasher Lepessah



CHOCOLATE MIX (POWDER): Hershey 100% Coco Nestlé, Nestle Quick, Chocolate flavor. ok  
COCOA: Any plain Kasher. 100% Pure Cocoa, Hershey's Pure 100% Cocoa with Lecithin ok.  
COCOA BUTTER: ok  
CHOCOLATE SYRUP: Hershey's -Plain. Chocolate Flavor, Lite Strawberry. Yoo-hoo -  
Chocolate Flavor. Ok Nestle Nesquik OK  
COCONUTS, ORGANIC UNSWEETENED: ORGANIC FLAKE COCONUT ok  
COCONUT FLAKES SHREDDED: Bakers - Angel - flaked Coconut Sweetened Coconut any  
pure ok COCONUT GROUND: **only** in original factory packages and not store repackaged  
CLEANERS AND CLEANING CHEMICALS: any CLEANING AGENTS All including  
ammonia, Windex, Ajax, Bleach, Pine sol, Fantastic, oven cleaners, furniture polishes, waxes,  
Spic and Span, Grease Release, etc. All brands. ok  
COCA COLA: All are kasher, diet, COKE ZERO: Is ok, **see soda**  
COCKTAIL SAUCE: Heinz-may contain corn syrup ok.  
COCO AMINOS (organic, soy sauce substitute): ok  
COCONUT MILK (TRADER JOE'S ORGANIC): ok COCONUT MILK, CANNED: ok Roland  
ok: COCONUT OIL: ok  
COCONUT SUGAR (TRADER JOE'S): ok  
COFFEE: All pure coffees or naturally decaffeinated coffees are Kasher for Pessah. Mixtures of  
coffee such as Mellow Roast and others may be mixed with wheat and need supervision.  
COFFEE K-cups Coffee Green Mountain brand unflavored regular or decaf, ok  
COFFEE MATE: Plain and Vanilla Coffee-mate and all other flavors are OK.  
Coffee mate is a nondairy edible oil product. The main ingredients are Glucose syrup,  
Hydrogenated vegetable oil and a milk derivative called sodium caseinate. The product is also  
fine for people who are lactose intolerant.  
COFFEE, ELITE TURKISH (green bag, with cardamom): ok COFFEE, INSTANT (Simple  
Truth Organic): ok COFFEE, INSTANT ICE (STARBUCKS, under OU): ok  
COFFEE WHITENER: Rich's - Coffee Rich CREAMER ok  
COLD CUTS: Bet-Yosef / Glatt Kasher.  
COLD MEDICINE: any  
COFFEE FILTERS: any.  
CONTACT LENS SOLUTIONS: Any.  
COOKIES: Must be Kasher for Pessah. Those that eat Matza Shmura the entire Yom Tov  
should find some Matza Shmura cookies.  
COOKING SPRAY: Pam - Original & Butter flavor & all Natural Olive Oil. ok  
COPPER CLEANER: any  
CORN: IS KASHER FOR PESSAH. Used in cooking as a starch. The Olmec and Mayans  
cultivated it. After European contact with the Americas in the late 15th and early 16th centuries,  
explorers and traders carried maize back to Europe and introduced it to other countries.  
תירס כיון שדומה הרבה במראה כשהוא קטן לחיטה וגם עושים מאפה תנור כחיטה. אחרי שנה 300 אחרי תקנת  
קטניות בשנת 1500 כללוהו באיסור תקנת קטניות. הקטניות נאסרו בין שנות 900 - 1200 בערך לכן באמת לא היה  
טירס באורופה שנודע והיה אפשר להתירו גם לאשכנזים אבל מה לעשות אוסרים אותו ואוסרים גם התערובות ורוב  
הדברים שאוסרים לפסח הוא משום קורן סירופ וקורן עצמו ומיקר השערים עד השמים. ועוד שערובתו בטח בטלה  
לפני פסח ועל זה לא שייך חזר ונעור ולא איסור מה שהוא. וסתם גורם הוצאות אדירות לעם ישראל.  
CORN CHIPS: Wise Corn Chips, Planters-Plain. ok Fritos, Tostitos, Costco (There may be  
other brands, check with the Rabbi)  
CORN STARCH: All 100% pure, ok  
CORN MEAL: and instant corn flour when 100% pure. ok

**CORN SYRUP: IS KASHER FOR PESSAH.** High fructose corn syrup is made from corn, a natural grain product and it is a natural sweetener. High fructose corn syrup contains no artificial or synthetic ingredients or color additives. It meets the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's long-standing policy regarding the use of the term "natural."

There are kashrut organizations that say corn syrup **might have** Hamets enzymes thereby eliminating all products that contain corn syrup. According to halacha "**Might have**" on a ספק פסה is not a problem when purchased before Pessah especially when this is meabed mamonom shel yisrael בהפסד מרובה.

**CORN TORTILLAS: NOT OK**

**COSMETICS:** Eye shadow, Mascara, Lipstick, Eyeliner, and Blush, Cleansers, Moisturizers, Lip liners, etc. Nail Polish, Contact lens solutions. A woman is not allowed to use makeup on Shabbat or YomTov. It is called painting (even the ones made for Shabbat)

**COTTON SEED: OIL IS OK EVEN FOR ASHKENAZIM** מאחר שבשום זמן לא אכלו הגרעינים של 5 צמר גפן ולא היו ראויים לאכילה עד לפני שנים שהוציאו חומרים מהם כדי שיהיו ראויים באכילה א"כ אף פעם לא היו כלולים באיסור קטניות וכל שכן שמנם ותערובתם ויותר קל מתשובת הגר"ם פיינשטיין בבוטנים ומי שהחמיר יכול להתיר נדרו כיון באיסור קטניות .

**COUGH MEDICINE:** any

**CROCKPOT LINER:** any

**CRANBERRY SAUCE:** any pure ok

**CHOCOLATE MILK:** Nesquik is OU-d, ok . purchase before Pessah

**CREAM OF RICE GLUTEN FREE – AT WALMART:** ok

**CRYSTAL LIGHT DRINKS:** peach or lemon drink ok

**CUMIN:** New, unsealed container only ok

**DATES:** Calavo; Dole; Sunglow; Sun World; Pitted and Whole ok

**DENTURE ADHESIVE & CLEANER:** Fasteeth, Polident powder & tablets, Poli-Grip cream, Wernet's cream & powder. ok

**DENTAL FLOSS:** any

**DEODORANTS:** All brands ok.

**DIJONNAISE:** Hellman's Creamy Mustard Blend ok.

**DISH DETERGENTS:** All brands are ok. **DISH SOAP:** Dish soap and all cleaning agents ok

**DISHWASHER DETERGENT:** Any.

**DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS:** Any.

**DRIED FRUIT:** All dried in a closed package, no additives and no white coating ok. Dates & FIGS must be carefully checked for Hamets and bug problems.

**DRIED FRUIT MIX:** Newton's Co: American Mix, Hawaiian Mix, Cranberry Supreme, and Nutri Mix, California Fruit, Youth Mix, Banana Chips. ok

**DRIED PEAS, EGGPLANT & BEANS:** Sun-dried eggplant. All dried vegetables that have only vegetables in the package are good for Pessah.

**DRINKS:** All carbonated drinks that don't have any mixture of malt including any sodas. ok

**DRY MILK (plain):** Alba & Carnation Nonfat dry milk- ok. (not Chalav Yisrael)

**EARTH BALANCE:** (margarine substitute) ok

**EGGS:** ok

**EGG SUBSTITUTES:** Egg Beaters ok. JUST Egg - KASHER

**ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES:** needs Kp

**ELYON:** Regular and Toasted Coconut varieties: only with O-U-P.

ENSURE: Ingredients . Water, Milk Protein Concentrate, Corn Maltodextrin. Less than 2% of the Following: Calcium Caseinate, Soy Protein Isolate, Sugar (Sucrose), ... is mainly sugar and water, spiked

EXTRACTS: All commercial foods, with alcohol in them use synthetic alcohol. Except in drinks where hamets alcohol is used

EYESHADOW/EYELINER : any

FABRIC SOFTENER: any

FACE POWDER: any

FACE WASH (with hydrolyzed wheat in it): ok

FETA CHEESE: see CHEESE

FISH: Fresh and frozen any Kasher year-round. FISH, FROZEN SALMON: One may purchase frozen salmon without Pessah certification but it should be thoroughly rinsed prior to use. OK

FISH FOOD: מאחר ובדרך כלל המזון הנמכר עבור דגי נוי הוא פגום מאד בטעמו, ואינו ראוי למאכל אדם כלל ועיקר, וגם אינו עשוי כולו מחמץ, רק מעורב בו חמץ, והחמץ אינו ניכר בעין, לפיכך, אף שאסור בהחלט לאכול ממזון זה בפסח, מכל מקום הוא אינו אסור בהנאה, ומותר לתת אותו לפני דגי הנוי שיאכלו ממנו

FLAVORS: McCormick Vanillin only ok

FLAX SEEDS: In a fresh pack are kasher for Pessah

FLOUR: usually the wheat is soaked in water before it is milled making even regular wheat flour safek Hamets. It needs to be sold with the Hamets. Barley is not treated with water and does not need to be sold. but of course, it is hamets to eat

FOOD RELEASE FOOD COLORING: All Kasher for all year round. Some are dairy.

FOOD STARCH- The most common types of **modified food starch** are made from **ingredients** like corn, wheat, potato, and **tapioca**. Typically, labels will list the source from which the **starch** was **modified** as **Modified Corn Starch**, however unless it is derived from one of the top eight allergens (in this case wheat),...Most modified starches are gluten free, except for those that use wheat starch as a base.

FREEZER paper ok

FOIL saran wraps All brands. ok

FRENCH-FRIES Any plain with oil and salt only,ok

FRESCA: kasher-also see soda

FROZEN FISH FILLETS: Pure and clean fish are Kasher.

FROZEN FRUIT: Frozen fruit for Pessah is acceptable for Pessah

FROZEN VEGETABLES: Birdseye, with no sauces or packets (may contain salt or corn starch. All major supermarket brands

FRUITS (canned): All 100% fruit that only have salt or Citric Acid are Kasher.

FRUIT JUICE: All 100% Juices are Kasher for Pessah. (Juices that contain grape are never kasher without supervision.)

FRUIT ROLL-UPS: General Mills; Betty Crocker-apricot only

GEFILTE FISH: Must be Kasher for Pessah. Note: For Shmura Matza observant, fish that contains Shmura Matza meal only.

FURNITURE POLISH: any

GARBAGE BAGS: any

GARBANZOS, CHICK PEAS: plain ok. Any plain garbanzos and salt and water are OK.

GARLIC CHILI SAUCE (Huy Fong): ok

GATORADE: ok GATORADE IN POWDER: ok

LEAFY VEGETABLES: Buy fresh greens and check them at home. packaged vegetables greens tend to accumulate bacteria. All prechecked packaged leafy vegetables must be checked again

then check by sunlight. A nonprofit group tested many containers of salad greens and found that 39 percent of the samples exceeded acceptable levels for coliforms and 23 percent had unsafe levels of enterococcus. It means that untreated waste has gotten into them somehow,"

GLASS CLEANER: any

GLUE: Any, e.g. Elmer's.

GRAPE LEAVES: All 100% grape leaves with no vinegar are Kasher for Pessah; Yergat and Orlando in brine (salt and water)

CHEWING GUM: Any that is Kasher all year.

GRAPE JUICE: Any Kasher all year only.

GRAPESEED OIL: with O-U is enough

HALF-AND-HALF CREAM: ok for Pessah, not chalaav yisrael

HAIR SPRAY: All.

HAMETS: even THE SMALLEST, MINUTE AMOUNT even when mixed with other kosher ingredients in a proportion of one to a thousand times, it does not become null. It is still prohibited That is how severe the prohibition of Hamets is. Therefore, a person must verify all products purchased and make sure no foods are mixed with the smallest amount of Hamets. There are serious concerns in food products that involve a lot of ingredients from different materials, as is well known

HASH BROWN POTATO BUDS: Betty Crocker

HEMP SEEDS: ok

HOUSEHOLD CLEANSERS: any.

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE: any.

HONEY: All 100% pure honey. ok

HONEY BEE POLLEN: Remsburg's Honey Bee Pollen ok

HOT SAUCE: Crystal OK. Other kasher year round hot sauce (with OU) are OK as well (examples: tobacco, chalu, sirracha, red hot wing sauce)

HUMMUS AND TEHINA: better make at home

ICE: any

ICE CREAM: Plain Vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, Haagen Daas, Bryers. Trader Joe's vanilla ice cream pareve is ok (They are not Chalav Yisrael, but may be kasher. Note: Dreyers vanilla ice cream is a problem. The same facility makes Hamets.

ICES: Marino Italian- All flavors; FrozFruit Ice. All flavors; Greens All American Pops.

ICED COFFEE: Califia Cold Brew Coffee (100% Arabica Coffee, Black)

INVITATIONS-GUESTS-HOTELS. Just as a person is careful in his house to eat only kasher products and Pessah utensils, he must also be careful where he is invited to eat, it should be entirely strictly kasher. It is the same if a person goes to a hotel Pessah program -- he must choose a place where the owner of the program fears Hashem. Otherwise he could be eating real Hamets

JACKFRUIT: ok

JAMS, JELLY & PRESERVES: The following 100% pure jams Fresh jar only are kasher. Polaner Apricot, Cherry, Orange Marmalade, Red Raspberry, Seedless Red Raspberry, Strawberry, Grape Jams. Season Apricot, Cherry, Grape, Orange Marmalade, Red Raspberry. Farm Flavor, Strawberry. Polaner Strawberry, Sweet Orange, Alpine Mint, Spicy Cinna mon and Wild Cherry. Trader Joe's jams raspberry and strawberry ok. Smuckers is OK.

INSECTICIDES, BUG SPRAY: Any.

INSTANT COCOA: Nestle's Quik-regular ok

JAM, BONNE MAMAN: OK

JELLO: Only with "Kasher for Pessah". See Gelatin.

JUICES, REGULAR AND FROZEN: All 100% pure juices. Juices with grape juice are not allowed all year around.

KETCHUP: Hunts, Heinz. Costco trader joe is ok

KINERET "LIGHT 'n TASTY EGGS" Real Egg Product: cholesterol free - is now available with OU-P certification.

KITNIYOT DERIVATIVES: ok even for the Sephardim that are strict about certain Kitniot.

KINOA QUINOA : ok

LACTAID milk [is not Chalav Yisrael]: buy before PESSAH.

LAXATIVES: Any.

LEMONADE: Any, Minute Maid

LEMON JUICE, LIMEJUICE: Any pure.

LENTILS: depends on your family custom

LIQUOR, WHISKEY, and LIQUEUR: Must be Kasher for Pessah.

LIPO 6 BLACK FOR DIET is kasher for Pessah

LIPSTICKS: are all kasher for Pessah.

LOTION: any

LOX: Coastal Harbor - by the Santa Barbara Smokehouse

MAPLE SYRUP: Aunt Jemima Rich Maple Taste Original ButterLite and Lite. ok

MARINARA SAUCE (Paisana): OK

MARINARA SAUCES (TRADER JOE'S): OK

MARGARINE: Plain Kasher Parve. Nucoa is kasher for Pessah and is dairy free from milk and whey.

MARGARINE (Smart Balance): OK

MARSHMALLOW FLUFF: Durkee

MARSHMALLOWS: Dandies (all natural, vanilla), Paskesz .It needs kashrut supervision. Marshmallow is a type of confectionery that is typically made from sugar, water and gelatin whipped to a squishy consistency.

MASCARA: any

MASECA. IF 100% CORN. IT IS OK

MAYONNAISE: Hellman's Regular, Low Fat & Light. Best Food, Best Foods Organic

MEAT: (should be bought before Pessah): or needs to be washed before Pessah.

MEATS AND CHICKEN: cooked turkey breasts, chicken franks, turkey franks, prepackaged deli slices & pastrami slab: should be labeled "KASHER for Pessah" Bet-Yosef Glatt Kasher.

MEDICINES: All tablets and capsules, and all non-sweet liquids (see Medicines above). ok ALL MEDICINES are permitted for Pessah even if you know it has Hamets. However sweet Syrups if you know for sure they contain Hamets, it would better to refrain from using. But if the doctor insists you should continue with משום אהשביה למתיקות that same syrup, then it could be used.

MINUTE MADE LEMONADE: ok. See **soda**

MILLET FLOUR: Arrowhead Mills Organic, gluten free millet flour (certified gluten free)

MILK: Chocolate milk, dry milk, carnation Fairlife brand: Any Kosher year-round OK. Not Chalav Yisrael

MILK SUBSTITUTES: Dairy Ease & Lactaid-milk & drops

MILK, CASHEW+ALMOND: Silk brand unsweetened cashew + almond milk ok

MILK, OAT: ABSOLUTELY NOT KASHER

MINERAL OIL: Any.

MOUTHWASH: All brands, and flavors. MOUTHWASH AND SPRAY: Any.

MOCHA-MIX-OK

MUSTARD: French Classic Yellow. Dijon Hearty Deli Brown Guldens Spicy Brown Mustard. Trader Joe's brand Deli Style Spicy Brown mustard- 365 brand (whole food's store brand) Yellow mustard ok

NAIL POLISH AND REMOVER: Any.

NECTARS: Heart's Delight, Apricot, Peach and Pear nectars.

NESCAFE CLASSICO (DARK ROAST): ok

NESQUIK CHOCOLATE POWDER: ok

NESSPRESSO COFFEE PODS (just the espresso or regular coffee pods): ok

NOODLES: Must be Kasher for Pessah. There are some with no grain flour and may be used for Pessah. E.g. Ancient Harvest Quinoa-Elbows, Garden Pagodas, Rice Spaghetti Style Corn Spaghetti Style.

NUTELLA: Nutella is a form of a chocolate spread. Nutella is made from sugar, modified palm oil, hazelnuts, cocoa, skimmed milk powder, whey powder, lecithin, and vanillin. It is kasher for Pessah but dairy.

NUTS: roasted or baked need to be kasher certified

NUTS-All RAW nuts in shells, as well as all nuts that are pure nuts with NO additives are Kasher for Pessah (Caution: the roasted ones with salt may have flour mixed with the salt).

NUTS SHELLED: Shelled walnuts, shelled pecans (all varieties), or peanuts ok

OATS: ARE HAMETS. Note according to many opinions is not a grain and therefore cannot be used to make matza for the seder, and the proper beracha for it should be shehakol..

OAT MILK: ABSOLUTELY NOT KASHER

OIL: All 100% vegetable or Olive oil is Kasher for Pessah. Crisco - Plain, Butter Flavor, Corn Canola Oil and Coconut oil; Wesson Corn Oil, orVegetable Oil; Mazola all O U Corn Oil or Vegetable Oil. Bertoli Olive Oil; Red and White Peanut Oil; Hollywood Safflower Oil; Eden or Any O U Sesame oil. 100% toasted sesame oil Borage oil and women's formula Vitamin B. The vitamin B says the product contains no wheat, etc

OIL SPREAD: OLEO: Mazola Premium OILS (cooking): All brands which are Kasher for year-round use are ok. Do not worry about the enzymes.

OMEGA TREX MIXED BY TRADER JOER'S: NO, needs hechsher

OLIVE OIL: Any.

ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT JUICE LIQUID: any Tropicana or 100% Pure

ORANGINA: kasher

OVEN CLEANERS: All brands.

OVEN MITTENS: New ones should be used

PAPER GOODS, PAPER PLATES, PLASTIC WRAP & BAGS, PLASTIC CUTLERY, FORKS, SPOONS KNIVES, PLATES, CUPS, TABLECLOTHS, NAPKINS, PAPER

TOWELS: Any. PARCHMENT PAPER: Any.

PASTA: Any is problematic and needs to be kasher for Pessach

PASTA, CORN & RICE: Heartland Corn ok .

PEANUT BUTTER: If the ingredient is dry roasted peanuts A fresh jar only. Skippy-Roasted Honey Nut, Creamy & Super Chunk. Jif Creamy, Extra Crunchy. Crazy Richards. There may also be emulsifiers present made from glucose made mostly from corn, and that is Kitniyot.

PEANUT CHEWS: Goldenberg's.

PEANUTS: Eagle Honey Roast

**PEDIALYTE: KASHER FOR PESSAH**

**PEELED VEGETABLES & FRUIT:** It is permitted for hotels, restaurants, caterers and individuals to buy peeled potatoes, peeled apples, shredded lettuce or cabbage, etc...

**PERFUME, COLOGNE:** Any. Rose water is kosher for Pessah.

**PEPPER AND SPICES:** any kosher. a new jar.

**PEPPERS, ROASTED:** Juliano

**PETEL (syrup for drinks):** kosher

**PICKLES:** The following are Kosher, Heinz Hamburger Dill Chips, Sweet Cucumber Slices Sweet Mixed Pickles & Sweet Gherkins. Claussen etc.

**PINEAPPLE:** fresh or Pure juice. ok

**PLASTIC:** Plates, cups, cutlery, tablecloths, any.

**POMEGRANATE WINE:** NOT kosher for Pessah

**POPCORN (microwave):** (those with the custom to eat corn) Pop Secret Butter Light, Orville Redenbacher - Natural Light, Butter Artificial Flavoring. Jiffy Pop Popcorn Butter Light. Herrs. Bachroan - Plain or Lite.

**POTATO CHIPS:** Any plain kosher for year around made from sliced potatoes Salted, or no salt added, regular or ridged, are ok. This includes Wise, Lays, Herr's Shoprite, Pathmark, Walmart ETC... but not BBQ chips or any other flavors. NOT Pringles, and any MADE FROM POTATO FLAKES, (like these contain wheat starch).

**POTATOES, MASHED:** Idahoan Original Mashed Potatoes

**POTATO STARCH:** any Kosher.

**POTATO STICKS:** French's – Original. Ok

**POWDERED MILK:** any kosher all year round

**PRENATAL VITAMINS:** see VITAMINS, PRENATAL

**PRUNE BUTTER:** Any Kosher.

**PRUNE JUICE:** Sunsweet-Plain and With Pulp, any ok.

**PSYLLIUM WHOLE HUSK ORGANIC INDIA FOOD SUPPLEMENT:** Is OK to use  
**QUINOA: IS KASHER.** even for Ashkenazim. It was declared Kosher for Pessah in 1985 when some people, allergic to so much wheat and starches, needed an alternative and found this לבטל . ותמיהני על כל גאוני הדור אשר היו לפנינו שלא שמו אל לבם לדבר הזה לבטל מנהג ממש שאין רוב הצבור יכולין לעמוד בו . ולא עוד שהיו מוסיפין . ואסרו כמה מינים מפני שדומין לקטניות כמו חרדל . וכמון שנקרא קימל וגם עניס . ואפילו השמנים שנעשו מדברים ההם כמו) ריב איל (החמירו . ודכרנא כד הוינא טליא והי 'אב"ד ור"מ פה הגאון מוה 'צבי הירש זצ"ל לשהחמיר מאד אפילו בפול המצרי ירוקים שנכבשו במלח בעודן לחין . והזרע ר"ל פול הלבן עדיין לא נראה בהם . ואסרן לאכלן בפסח . כך שמעתי אז ולא זכיתי לשאלו בעת ההיא . כי הייתי צעיר לימים .

ובהיותי במנהיים רצו לאסור ה . / פרי הארץ שקורין ערד עפפל או קארטופלין/ תפוחי אדמה מפני שעושין מהם קמח ואני עמדתי כנגדם . ביודעי שאין הצבור יכולין לעמוד בזולתם . והוא מאכל עניים וראיתי המעשה כמה פעמים שבני הכפרים האכילו אותם לבני ביתם מאין להם לחם ומזון די . ונצחתי אותם ע"י אנשי הקהל שם שצוו על המורה שלא יאסור דבר חדש מה שלא אסרו הרבנים שישבו שם על כסא הוראה כי לא הי' בעת ההיא אב"ד שם . כי הר"מ מקלוז הרב מוה 'מענדל יאנקוי ז"ל הי' שם למורה ומה טוב אם יסכימו כל חכמי הדור לדעת אחת . ומסופקני אם יבוא הדבר . פעם אחת על מכוננו בדור הזה שגברה הקנאה . ו תורה יראים יותר מן המנהגים כמפני גופי .

**RAISINS:** Sunmaid, Waldbaum's, Shoprite, Pathmark, Dole; All O U brands ok

**RED BULL:** ok , also see soda

### RICE

**RICE:** Any raw Rice without additives does not need to be Kosher LePessah if it is checked 3 times well.

All Mixes of plain Brown Rice. Arborio rice is Italian rice, kasher without a hechsher. Southern Long Grain Rice California Medium Grain Rice Southern Medium Grain Rice California Mochi Rice Thai Jasmine Rice Indian Basmati Rice Ground Rice Kalijira Rice Para Rice Rissotto Louisiana Rice Red Rice Black Rice Carolina Rice Jasmine Rice Della Rice Texamati Wehani Rice Varieties Brown Rice White Rice Short Grain Rice Medium Grain Rice Enriched Rice Louisiana Pecan/Wild Pecan long-grain rice (It's similar in flavor to Basmati, but the flavor suggests pecans.) Basmati Rice (is a non-glutinous Plain boiled white rice) .Black Rice (Indonesia and Phillipines) Carolina (Long-grain white rice) Della (it is a mimic of the Basmati grain.) Jasmine (is a white rice similar to white Basmati rice) Wild Rice China Black Rice Small Basmati

The following were found to be clean: Goya Plain White Rice, Uncle Ben's Plain and Instant Brown and White, Carolina Plain White & Brown, River- Plain White or Brown Rice, Lundberg-INSTANT RICE Converted Rice OtherWild Rice Are actually a grain and NOT a rice and are NOT kasher for Pessah

RICE CAKES: Must make sure that there is no flour. Shefa Co Sesame and Lightly salted. KoyHijiki No Salt, Dulce No Salt, Plain Lightly Salted, Millet Lightly Salted, Nori No Salt (Forrelli): ok . (Puff Plain): Chico San the Salted rice cakes is not kasher.

RICE CRISPIES IS NOT KASHER FOR PESSAH IT HAS Malt flavoring WHICH is an extract, most commonly from the grain barley, also may be made from other grains.

RICE DREAM: Carob, Vanilla, & Original from Brown Rice, Organic Enriched, Original, Vanilla & Chocolate. RICE SYRUP: Sweet Dream Brown Rice Maple Syrup (premium or regular brown rice syrup) RICE FLOUR: OK-RICE PAPER: OK-RICE VINEGAR: Kikkoman

RICOLA DROPS: ARE KASHER FOR PESSAH

ROSEWATER: OK

RUBBER GLOVES: Any.

RXBAR Protein bar, peanut butter chocolate: OK

SAHLAV: Knorr sahlav is kasher for Pessah.

SALAD DRESSING - Hellman's One Step, Rush Hour Mom's Maple Shallot

SALMON: Fresh salmon from all year Kasher is ok. Kirkland brand canned salmon ok

SALT AND COARSE SALT: All Plain or Iodized salts.: any SALT ok to use for Pessah. Ingredients: salt, potassium iodide, sodium thiosulfate, Yellow Prusiatic of Soda (anticaking), Precipitated Silica (Free Flowing)

SALT SUBSTITUTE: Any.

SANDWICH BAGS: any.

SARDINES: Any that say sardines and salt. Seasons, Bumblebee, etc.

SEAWEEDS. Pure only.

SELTZERS, CLUB SODAS: Any.

SHAMPOO & CONDITIONERS: Any.

SHOE POLISH: Any.

SILVER POLISH: Hagerty, Starco, any.

SKINCARE: any

SLEEPING ENHANCEMENT, MELATONIN: Kasher

SNAPPLE KIWI STRAWBERRY: and ALL OU are ok

SNAPPLE DIET ICE TEAS (raspberry, peach): ARE ALL GOOD AND KASHER FOR PESSAH

SOAP:SOAP PAD, STEELWOOL, SOAPS, DISHWASHING DETERGENTS, CLEANSERS, POWDERS,DISHWASHING LIQUIDS, AUTOMATIC LIQUID,LIQUID CLEANSERS, BAR SOAP, LIQUID SOAP. Any

#### SODA

SODAS: All new and old brands are Kasher .Major brands and store brands include all Sprite, All Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Caffeine Free Pepsi, and Caffeine Free Diet Pepsi. . Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Caffeine Free Pepsi, Caffeine Free Diet Pepsi. Cokes, Coca Cola Classic, Diet Coca Cola, Caffeine Free Coke, Caffeine Free



Diet Coke, coke zero Cherry Coke, Diet Cherry Coke, Royal Crown, Shasta, Cactus Cooler, Squirt, Cream soda, and All Mayim Chaim. Sevenup, Diet Seven-up, Cherry Seven up, Diet Cherry Seven-up, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Diet Sprite, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Diet Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Regular and Diet Minute Maid Orange, Slice Orange, Diet Slice Orange. Slice Lemon, Diet Slice Lemon - Orange, Root Beer, Black Cherry, Creme, Ginger Ale, Birch Beer. Vintage Plain and Flavored Seltzer Water. Black Raspberry, Cranberry Ginger Ale, Lemon Treat, Diet Lemon Treat, Fruit Punch. Carbonated drinks that don't have any mixture of malt. SOUPS: Kasher for Pessah only.

SOUP MIX: MOST OF THEM ARE NOT KASHER for Pesach

SOUR CREAM: Any Kasher for year-round.

SOUR CREAM, TOFU (with Chaf-K): ok

SOY MILK: any

SOY CHEESE: ok

SOY LECITHIN: ok

SOY LIQUID PROTEIN CONCENTRATE: Bragg Liquid Amino. fresh container bought before Pessah.

SOY MEAT: Beyond Meat is NEVER KASHER, NOT PESSACH AND NOT THE WHOLE YEAR

SOY SAUCE: Only gluten-free soy sauce e.g., tamari is kasher for Pessah

SOY SPREAD: Soya Kaas - Cream Cheese Style.

SOYA: any plain soya is permitted

SPICES: All natural pure plain spices. A fresh jar only. e.g. Durkee McCormick

SPARKLING CIDER: ok

SPRING WATER: All brands of Water are Kasher for Pessah.

STEVIA ok

CONFECTIONERS Powdered Sugar. ok

SUGAR: Any WHITE or BROWN

SUGAR SUBSTITUTE: LIQUIDS: Any "EQUAL" and "nutrasweet spoonful" : Stevia, Truvia Kasher

SWEETENERS (DIETETIC): Nutri Sweet – Aspartame ok SWEETENERS (for baking) Sugar Twin, Equal, Splenda–

SYRUPS: Any Kasher ones. SYRUP: 100% pure organic maple syrup

SPONGES. Any

STEEL WOOL: any

STERNO: any

STRAWS: any.

STEVIA: KASHER

SUGAR, CANE: ok for Pessah

SUNFLOWER SEEDS: same as all nuts

TARTAR SAUCE: Hellman's Plain & Low Fat.

TAQUILA is made from cactus plants. However the Rabbis in Mexico say it needs supervision

TEHINA-ANY 100% -Trader Joe's Organic Tahini (no hechsher) (ingredients: ground hulled organic sesame seeds)ok

### TEA

TEA: any pure Regular and Decaf. (IMPORTANT: See Herbal teas).NEWMAN'S OWN ORGANIC: ok

TEA-INSTANT: Nestea 100%.: Herbal laxative tea from Triple Leaf-TEA, SADAF (green one with cardamom and the red with Earl grey): ok ICED TEA NESTEA IN POWDER: ok

ICED TEA MIX: Lipton's Sugar Sweetened, Natural Lemon, Decaffeinated and Plain. Lipton's Natural Brew Tea and Lemonade, Natural Lemon, Natural Peach-

TEA HERBAL: *Bigalow* Constant Comment, Cozy Chamomile, Red Raspberry, Plantation Mint, Lemon Lift, Earl Grey, I Love Lemon, Orange & Spice, Sweet Dreams, Perfect Peach; Mint Medley, Fruit & Almond, and Cinnamon stick. *Celestial Seasonings* Sleepy Time, Orange

Mango Zinger, Wildberry Zinger Lemon Zinger, Red. Zinger, Mandarin Orange, Peppermint, Cranberry Cove, Chamomile, Raspberry Zinger, Strawberry Kiwi and Cinnamon Apple.: Rooibos Herbal Tea Madagascar Vanilla Red Tea Caffeine Free Rooibos, Natural French Vanilla Flavor and Vanilla Bean. Naturally Caffeine Free. Kasher. Gluten Free. Herbal Tea Country Peach Passion Caffeine Free Orange Peel, Rosehips, Hawthorn, Chamomile, Natural Peach Flavor with other Natural Flavors (Contains Soy Lecithin), Blackberry Leaves, Hibiscus, Peaches, Citric Acid and Paprika (Color). True Blueberry Caffeine Free, Orange Peel, Natural Blueberry Flavor with other Natural Flavors (Contains Soy Lecithin), Wild Blueberries and Blueberry Leaves. Black Cherry Berry Caffeine Free, Hawthorn, Natural Black Cherry Flavor with other Natural Flavors (Contains Soy Lecithin), Chamomile and Sweet Cherries. Naturally Caffeine Free. Kasher. Gluten Free. *Celestial Seasonings* Green Tea Decaf Mint Decaffeinated Green Tea, Decaffeinated White Tea, Spearmint, Peppermint and Peppermint Essence (Soy Lecithin) and Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C). Naturally Decaffeinated. Kasher. Gluten Free. Fiber tea bags have no string, tag, staple or wrapper. Herbal Tea Bengal Spice Caffeine Free Cinnamon, Roasted Carob, Natural Spice and Vanilla Flavors with Other Natural Flavors, Ginger, Cardamom, Black Pepper, Cloves and Nutmeg. Naturally Caffeine Free. Kasher. Gluten Free. *Celestial Seasonings* Black Tea India Spice Chai Decaffeinated - Mandarin Orange Spice Gluten Free Pillow-style tea bag *Celestial Seasonings* Herbal Tea Tangerine Orange Zinger Caffeine Free

**TEAS THAT ARE NOT KASHER FOR PESSAH:** Roastaroma (The Hamets one) by Celestial Seasonings: Roasted Barley, Roasted Chicory, Roasted Carob, Cinnamon, Allspice and Chinese Star Anise. Contains Gluten. TEAVANA TEAS: Not kasher Some Are mixed with real flour.

TISSUES: Any.

TEMPEH: Needs Pessah supervision

TEQUILA: plain tequila is ok. In Mexico they require a hechsher. Patron: no for now

TOOTHBRUSH: Any

TOFU: Nasoya - Plain, Firm, Extra Firm; Silken Spice. Note: milk and plain tofu products with OU are Kasher for Pessah TOFFUTINON-DAIRY CREAM CHEESE: OK

**TOMATOES CRUSHED** - Redpack - Plain Contadina In Tomato Puree, With Roasted Garlic with Italian Herbs, any pure and plain are ok.

TOMATO PASTE: Even though some manufacturers produce cheese and other, it does not affect the clean production of tomatoes. Hunt's Contadina & all kasher brands.

TOMATO PUREE: Muir- Glen -all kasher brands. TOMATO SAUCE: Del Monte, Hunt's, Redpack & All Kasher brands TOMATOS (stewed): All Kasher brands. TOMATOS (JARRED SUNDRIED IN OIL): OK TOMATOS WHOLE PEELED: Red pack-all kasher brands. TOMATOS, CRUSHED: Hunt is OK or Smart and Final brand Heinz

TORTILLA CHIPS.TOSTITO CHIPS. Not kasher

TOOTHPASTE: Any commonly used brands. Aim, Aqua-Fresh, Colgate, Crest, Gleem, Pearl Drops, Ultra Brite, Adwe, Florimint and Kasher-dent in any flavor.

TOOTHPICKS: any

TUNA FISH: Star-Kist, BumbleBee, Chicken of the Sea any are Kasher. The D on the can does not apply to Sefardim ever and most opinions permit it even for Ashkenazim. TUNA: there are a hundred kinds of Tuna and only five kinds are used for canning

VANILLA EXTRACT: any

VANILLA MERINGUES (from Trader Joe's): OK must be bought before Pessah

VEGETABLES: Better to buy fresh non-checked in order to do a real thorough checking yourself. Any fresh or frozen ( dry ones see Dried veg.) pure, plain, kasher vegetables.

VEGETABLES (canned): All 100% vegetables that only have pure, plain vegetables in them are Kasher for Pessah. VEGETABLES (frozen): All packages containing pure vegetables in it. ok

VEGETABLES (leafy): All prechecked packaged leafy vegetables have to be checked again and are not reliable due to the amount of checking that needs to be done and therefore it is better to buy fresh and check it yourself

VEGAN EGGS- ok but check health side effects.

VEGETARIAN BEANS: Heinz. ok

VINEGAR: Apple cider vinegar, Apple vinegar, synthetic vinegar, distilled vinegar are all OK. However, wine vinegar is not kasher unless it says it is kasher LePessah.

VITAMINS: Most vitamins are Kasher. If the vitamins are taken for medical reasons. However, when taken as food supplements they must be Kasher. Vitamin D3 and calcium magnesium by solgar, OK. UP 4 probiotics. Kala Acidophilus by Freeda, OK. VITAMINS, PRENATAL: Early Promise Prenatal Gentle Multiple, Bluebonnet – Natural Healthy Concepts Pure Encapsulations OK Supplements for Sensitive People \*\* these products do not contain wheat, gluten, nuts, egg, or hydrogenated oils. \*\* Comprehensive Allergen SOP in place to prevent cross-contamination. \*\* the producer does not add coatings, shellacs, binders, fillers, excipients, artificial flavors, artificial sweeteners or colors. \*\* and does not use magnesium stearate in any of their products. \*\* All two-piece capsules are hypo-allergenic and vegetarian.

VITAMIN WATER: OU, made for Glaceau, Whitestone, NY. IS KASHER

VODKA must be KASHER LEPESSAH because most vodka today is produced from grains such as sorghum, corn, rye or wheat.. Some vodkas are made from potatoes, molasses, soybeans, grapes, rice, sugar beets and sometimes even byproducts of oil refining or wood pulp processing

VODKA, POTATO (made in Poland): Kasher for PESSAH

WATER, CARBONATED (Zevia): ok

WATER, CANADA DRY TONIC: ok

WATER, ROSE WATER: From faucet or Bottled, Any.

WATER IN BOTTLES: any are ok for those that are Machmir should buy it before Pessah

WATER FILTERS: Any

WAX PAPER: Any.

WHIPPED, CREAM TOPPING -Rich's. Non-Dairy Topping and Pre Whipped Topping. Plain, ok

WHIPPING CREAM, ULTRA-PASTEURIZED: kasher dairy OK

WINE: preferred Non Mevushal but if there are maids around, the wine must be hidden and locked. If using Mevushal no problem at all. Mevushal is when the wine was pasteurized at 170 degrees fahrenheit

WINES and grape juices: Any Kasher all year round.

XANTHAN GUM: OK

YOGURT: It needs a properly recognized Kashrut certification. Should be kasher-for-Pessah certification. any yogurt that has gelatin is NOT to be used (e.g. Yoplait) ever. FROZEN YOGURT in prepackaged containers only): Sealtest vanilla; Columbo-vanilla; Haagen Dasz-vanilla & strawberry FRUITS (fresh).

YOGURT, COCONUT SOY (SO Delicious): OK YOGURT, COCONUT MILK (SO Delicious): OK

YOGURT, OUI: OK

Yogurt CHOBANI- not kasher- needs hechsher for Pessah.

## FROG IN CHECKED LETTUCE WITH FOUR HASHGACHOT



THIS EXPLAINS WHY I ADVISE PEOPLE SHOULD BUY FRESH LETTUCE AND CHECK AT HOME

### THE EVE OF PESSAH

- All Hamets must be eliminated, (around 10:30 a.m.). All Hamets dishes must be cleaned and put away. The house must be swept, one's pockets searched for crumbs, and all remaining Hamets (including the ten pieces of bread found during Bedikat Hamets) must be burned.
- Preparations for Yom Tov start, with all delicacies in honor of the arrival of Yom Tov, just as for Shabbat.
- One must examine carefully each leaf of lettuce used for Maror in the Seder (as well as all year round), to ensure that there are no bugs in it.

- From midday of Erev Pessah onwards, we refrain from any kind of work forbidden during Hol Hamoed.
- Hair and fingernails should be cut before noon. If one forgot, it may still be done after noon.
- In order to have an appetite for the Mitzvah of Matza, it is forbidden on Erev Pessah to eat Matza which will be used at the seder. Only Matza Ashira is permitted. Two hours before sunset one should refrain from eating any type of Matza.
- The Seder table should be set before the men go to the Arvit prayer.
- When buying meat, one should not express himself by saying that this is for Pessah, but say for the festival (Moed).
- People who are very stringent about keeping Mitzvot bake the Matzot for the Seder on Erev Pessah afternoon, as the Matza eaten in the evening is in memory of the Pessah offering brought in the Bet Hamikdash at this time. For this reason, festive clothes are worn and Hallel sung while the Matzot are being baked. Since at this time the eating of Hamets is already forbidden, great care must be taken that the dough does not ferment. A person should say he is annulling any dough that might become Hamets.

### KASHERING UTENSILS

The laws of kashering are many and varied, and very controversial. It is of course best to use dishes and utensils especially set aside for Pessah use. Pots used during the year with Hamets cannot be used for Pessah .if you need those pots... you may kasher them before Pessah.

under certain conditions, some of the utensils used throughout the year may also be used on Pessah if they are Kashered and prepared in a special manner for Pessah use. New and old utensils purchased from a gentile, need Tevila after all Kashering. Kashering can be very complex at times. It is recommended that when Kashering you consult a Rabbinic authority.

A vessel becomes unfit for Pessah use because of the Hamets absorbed in it in one of four ways:

- If Hamets was roasted, Barbequed or baked on it without any liquid.
- If Hamets was cooked with liquid in the vessel.
- If Hamets sat in a vessel for a longer period than 24 hours.
- If sharp Hamets sat in a vessel (for twenty minutes or more), or a knife that was used with sharp Hamets. for Ashkenazim, glass becomes unfit for Pessah only if it was used for hot Hamets during the year.

### PRINCIPLES OF KASHERING

- Hamets is extracted from a vessel in the same manne r that it was absorbed by it; therefore the method of kashering is determined by the way it is mostly used.

The Kashering should be done no later than the specified time usually by 10:30 AM on the morning before Pessah. • If a person needs to kasher dishes after that time, it can only be done through the strict methods of Kashering • Once Pessah begins, it can be done only through Libbun, torching.

### **THE TWO MAIN WAYS TO KASHER**

Hagalah (purging): Done on any utensil used with hot liquids. We insert the vessel into a large pot that has boiling water. A good idea is to put some sand or ashes in the boiling water to defile the taste of any food residues. If after Hagalah the water became very dirty, the water would be changed. When doing Hagalah the water must be constantly bubbling on the fire, while immersing every item.

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Leebun, torching: Done on items that were used directly with fire without any liquid involved. In Leebun you actually blowtorch or burn any particles of foods. Some vessels need to get very hot and some need to get to a glowing hot fire stage.

### **BASIC RULES FOR PREPARING AND KASHERING FOR PESSAH**

• All utensils and vessels that will be used for Pessah must be thoroughly washed and scrubbed with soap. NOTE: EVERYTIME WE SAY WASHING, WE MEAN SCRUBBING WITH SOAP AND NOT PLAIN RINSING. • When there are bends, cracks, deep cuts and spaces in these utensils, care must be taken to reach inside these areas. • Kashering: All items with which only cold Hamets came in contact during the year, such as refrigerators and pantry shelves, should be thoroughly washed and rinsed to ready them for Pessah use. All items with which hot Hamets came into contact during the year, must, in addition, be kashered in the different required manners of kashering as explained by each item. • The way to kasher an item is by first cleaning, removing any dirt, rust, or any surface material, then wait 24 hours prior to the Hagalah. Note: Even if the vessel is prepared through only washing one should wait twenty four hours prior to using it on Pessah. • There is no Beracha (blessing) on Hagalah. • Boil water in a pot, which had not been used for twenty-four hours. This large pot used for Kashering may be from year round use for meat or dairy to kasher meat or dairy. Vessels that cannot be washed thoroughly cannot be kashered through Hagalah, only through Leebun. A vessel that can be kashered through Hagalah can surely be kashered through Leebun. • Any vessel that might get ruined when immersed in boiling water, such as vessels that are made from glued pieces or plastic or extra fine china cannot be kashered.

Question: “In regards to kashering blenders and food processors, you mentioned that if they were used for hot foods that include Hamets, they should be kashered by Hagalah. Is this the same procedure for foods that had only cold Hamets (i.e.: bread crumbs)?”

Answer: It needs hagalah

BRACES, DENTURES, BITE PLATES AND RETAINERS They should be brushed thoroughly before Pessah before the Hamets becomes Assur.

### **CHINA AND BONEWARE**

• Fine “China” can be kashered by Hagalah. • It can also be kashered by pouring boiling water up on it, taking care to cover all areas with the boiling water. Then, rinse with cold water.

### **COUNTERS AND TABLES**

Counters and tables are first thoroughly scrubbed, including the surfaces and the cracks between the different sections. We then pour boiling water upon them. However if the table is used only with a tablecloth throughout Pessah, it only needs to be cleaned thoroughly. High chairs are thoroughly scrubbed. You can kasher granite countertops, even with a synthetic finish. The proper method to kasher the counter is irui kli rishon (pouring boiling water over the surface of the counter). A steamer can be used to kasher counters provided that the counter is being kashered with actual water, not vapor, and the water is at or near the boiling point of 212F. Q: Is it OK to pour boiling water over GLAZED counter to kasher for Pessah? A: Yes

Tables that are covered with table cloths or place mats . dont need any aluminum covers under the table cloth.

### **CUTTING BOARDS**

A wooden cutting board need only be washed since hot foods are not normally placed upon the cutting board. But if hot foods are placed upon it, then it requires Hagalah. If the board is too large for Hagalah, then clean it, pour boiling water upon it, and rinse with cold water.

#### EARTHENWARE

All utensils and vessels made from earthenware cannot be kashered. A stone oven may be kashered by torching it or burning it extra hot.

#### ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Refrigerators, freezers, coffee makers, water coolers, percolators, Fruit juicers and thermoses may be kashered for Pessah by only thoroughly cleaning them. A dishwasher needs kashering by thoroughly cleaning it as well as its racks and all intricate parts. Then run the hottest cycle on empty.

#### GLASS AND PYREX

• Glass items, colored or clear, such as pots, glasses, dishes and cups can be washed thoroughly and used on Pessah. Since glass does not absorb Hamets, no Hagalah is necessary. • Glass with painted designs not on the inside of the item (i.e. the area which touches the food) can be prepared for Pessah. • Items made of special glass, such as Pyrex or Corning ware, which are normally used directly upon the fire, can be prepared for Pessah. As with ordinary glass, there is no need to Kasher Pyrex and Corning ware. If they are clean, they may be used on Pessah. • Some Pyrex items have a metal base, which is separate from the Pyrex. This base holds no food. Since the metal base normally does not touch the food, it need not be kashered, just cleaned. • Corelle can be prepared for Pessah. The laws, which apply to glass, also apply to Corelle. NOTE: For Ashkenazim who hold that glass absorbs is considered unfit for hot Hamets the food, only glass that was used for Pessah use by Kashering. There are Poskim that are of the opinion that while glass used for cold must be kashered by immersing them in cold water for 72 hours-with fresh water every 24 hours. If it is used with hot it may not be kashered.

#### OVENS

• Gas and electric ovens can be kashered for Pessah. Clean the oven and all racks thoroughly, as well as the broiler, with oven cleaner, then, turn it to the highest setting, and allow to burn for one hour. • A “self-cleaning” oven can be kashered for Pessah. Set it on the “self-cleaning” setting and allow it to complete its self-cleaning cycle. • A toaster-oven can be kashered for Pessah. Clean it very thoroughly from any crumbs and other matter. Then, set it on the highest setting for one hour. • A Microwave Oven can be kashered by cleaning it thoroughly, then

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placing a cup of water inside it, and turning it on till some evaporation happens, • Electric Plates, Hot plates: They should be washed thoroughly and turned on for one hour.

#### KASHERING OF POTS

All pots including Pressure cookers are kashered by the process known as Hagalah (purging). • Take the pot to be kashered, and clean it thoroughly. • Boil water in a second pot, which is large enough to contain the pot to be kashered. Like the first pot, the second pot must not have been used within twenty-four hours. • Once the water boils, immerse the first pot into it, until first pot is completely covered by the boiling water. Note: the handle must also be immersed. If this cannot be accomplished in one step because it is too large then immerse one portion of the pot, remove it from the water, and immerse the other side. Leave it in the water for a few seconds • Rinse the Kashered pot in cold water immediately following Hagalah.

Covers of pots must be kashered for Pessah after they are clean including the areas under and around the cover handle and under and around any screws, bolts, etc. If necessary, detach these parts from the cover, clean. Replace before Hagalah. By Pressure cookers the rubber must be cleaned thoroughly. If it is hard to clean certain areas, then pour bleach or a similar cleaning agent upon the area that cannot be cleaned. Then, any food lodged there is rendered inedible, and is thus no longer prohibited as Hamets. Then, proceed with the Hagalah. Note: If tongs are used to hold the article being Kashered, then the article should be released while it is being immersed.

For a very large pot, which is too large to be placed within a second pot, proceed as follows: • Boil water in this large pot to be Kasherred, filling it as close to the top as possible. Once the water boils, cover the pot completely with a flat cover (it need not be the cover of this particular pot). Allow the water to boil for thirty seconds while the pot is covered. (Caution: in gas

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range, overflowing water may extinguish fire). After pouring out the boiling water, immerse the pot handle in a second pot of boiling water. • the entire pot in cold water immediately following the Hagalah. Rinse • There is an alternate method for kashering metal pots for Pessah which is, clean them thoroughly. Then place them (empty) in the oven at a high setting for half an-hour. Wine goblets, napkin rings, candlesticks, jewelry such as rings worn during kneading doughs, can be kasherred by just washing them thoroughly.

Sieves and strainers must be kasherred if they were used with hot foods. Extreme care must be taken to clean them thoroughly prior to the Hagalah. Note: Sifters should not be kasherred, since they cannot be cleaned thoroughly.

### **ROASTERS, PARTS AND RACKS**

Roasters, metal or enamel, oven racks and metal baking pans are normally used inside the oven. They cannot be kasherred by Hagalah. Rather, they should be cleaned thoroughly, and then placed (empty) in the oven at the highest temperature for one hour. For convenience, this may be done at the same time the oven is being kasherred. Frying pans, including Teflon coated, may be kasherred the same way as oven racks. Clean them thoroughly, and then leave them in the oven for one hour at the highest setting.

### **SILVERWARE (OR GOLDWARE)**

Hagalah can kasher silverware. Place a net inside the pot and immerse each piece of silverware in the boiling water taking care that the water covers each piece completely. Then the whole net is removed and placed in cold water. Or individually tie the pieces to a string one after the other. Drop into the boiling water and remove the whole string shortly after. Rinse the silverware in cold water immediately following the Hagalah.

Two or more pieces of silverware may be left in the pot together as long as they are dropped into the boiling water separately. “Meat” silverware can be Kasherred in a “dairy” pot, and vice versa. But remember that both the silverware and the pot must not have been used for twenty-four hours prior to the Hagalah. Meat and dairy silverware may be left in the pot at the same time, but remember to drop them separately into the pot with boiling water. If on the silverware there are hard to clean areas, like deep designs, cracks around the handle, etc. Then, pour bleach or a similar agent upon the area, which cannot be cleaned. Then, any food lodged there is rendered inedible, and is thus no longer prohibited as Hamets. Then, proceed with the Hagalah. The pot used for Kashering (i.e. the pot in which the items to be Kasherred will be immersed) may be either a Pessah pot or a pot which had been used for Hamets.

### **SINKS**

A sink requires Kashering for Pessah. After cleaning it, pour boiling water over the entire sink (this applies to enamel, porcelain or metal sinks). If any area cannot be cleaned thoroughly (such as the area near the rim), pour bleach upon it, to render any food lodged there inedible first, then pour boiling water over it. It does not need covering with contact paper. Faucets should be cleaned thoroughly.

### **STOVES, RANGES, AND GRATES**

The burner of a stove and metal grates upon which pots are placed for cooking, may be kasherred simply by cleaning them. Since any food, which may have fallen on them, is immediately burned. If the section between the burners is enamel or metal, it must be covered with aluminum foil. However Corning ware tops, such as on electric ranges, are treated like ordinary glass and only need to be thoroughly scrubbed. Knobs should be only washed.

### **TABLECLOTHS, NAPKINS**

Cloth tablecloths (not plastic) and towels used year round should be washed thoroughly and may then be used for Pessah.

### **TUPPERWARE**

Tupperware and similar plastic storage containers that have been used with hot foods can be kashered with Hagalah. Containers which were used only with cold solids may be used by just cleaning them. If, however, they were used with liquids which may have been Hamets (such as vinegar), then they should be Kashered by Hagalah, even if all liquids used had been cold.

A blender must be kashered by Hagalah if it was used for hot foods that include Hamets. Before Hagalah, extreme care must be taken to clean blades and all parts thoroughly.

A food processor must be kashered by Hagalah if it was used for hot foods that include Hamets. It should be noted, however, that most food processors have intricate parts, and are very difficult to clean. If dismantling is necessary for thorough cleaning, then this should be done. A Kitchenaid mixer or similar must be kashered by hagalah, if it was used with hot foods that include Hamets. Then all parts, which touch the food, should be Kashered by hagalah. But extreme care must be taken to clean all areas of the mixer thoroughly, especially areas above the bowl. If dismantling is necessary for thorough cleaning, it should be done.

**FAUCET AND AERATORS** Don't need any special kashering

### **WOOD, PLASTIC AND RUBBER**

- Wooden, plastic or rubber items, such as spatulas, mixing spoons, rubber gloves, bowls, corian and granorex, can be kashered for Pessah by hagalah. (Follow the steps listed for silverware). However, if these items were generally used only for cold foods, then they need only be cleaned thoroughly.
- Melmac dishes can be kashered by hagalah.
- Plastic or metal graters can be prepared for Pessah if they were not generally used with hot, spicy or sharp foods. Then they need only be cleaned thoroughly. But extreme care must be taken in cleaning them. If they were used with hot Hamets, it is preferable to get a new one.

### **TEVILA**

- Tevila of dishes is a means of purifying them by dipping them completely in a Mikva (ritual bath), which contains a minimum of 360 liters of natural water not retrieved into a vessel. They may also be dipped in a sea or river. Tevila of vessels may not take place on Shabbat or Yom Tov.
- If the dishes are not new, they first require hagalah or Leebun as required, and then Tevila.
- When dipping the vessels in the water, one says the Beracha:

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“Baruch... Asher Kidshanu... Al Tevilat Kelim”:

- Plastic, wooden or disposable vessels do not require Tevila.
- Renovated vessels by a non-Jew with a new metal coating do not require Hagalah, rather they must be cleaned well and then Tevila is done without a Beracha.
- All Vessels and utensils that are used directly to prepare to eat from or to store, and come in contact with food, requires Tevila. A new mincer or grater requires Tevila.

### **THE WHEAT AND THE BAKING OF THE MATZOT**

- The flour for baking Matzot may be from any of the five grains: wheat, barley, spelt, rye or oats. However, usually wheat flour is used, as this is the best.
- The grain for the Matzot must be watched from the time it is harvested. The wheat must be cut before the kernels of grain lose their green color.
- Wormy grains should not be used.
- The bags of cut wheat may not be left in a damp place or lying on top of fresh grass.

### **GRINDING THE WHEAT**

- The mill must be thoroughly cleaned before grinding the flour for Matzot.
- G-d fearing people must supervise the cleaning of the mill. The mill is cleaned and burned with hot coals. The first batch of wheat milled after the cleaning is not used for Pessah.
- In very difficult situations, the mill may be used without prior cleaning.
- The flour must be ground at least 24 hours before Pessah because, if not, the flour would still be hot and this could cause the dough to ferment. If, however, they were baked with freshly ground wheat, they are permitted for use.

### **THE WATER USED FOR MATZOT**

The Matza dough must be kneaded with water, which was prepared at least 12 hours beforehand, and had been kept in-covered earthenware containers in room temperature. The water may be taken from a well, fountain or river. It should be poured into containers at sunset, and remain there overnight to become



cool. When pouring the water, one should say: "We are preparing this water for the Mitzvah of baking Matzot".

#### THE MATZA DOUGH

- First the flour is poured loosely into a receptacle which holds at least the minimum amount required to separate Challah from it, i.e. almost 2 kg. Care should be taken not to add more flour than the prescribed amount, since it becomes much more difficult to knead the dough, and thereby, the risk of it becoming Hamets increases.
- No salt whatsoever may be added to the dough. The dough is distributed among the various workers, who work on the dough uninterruptedly (to avoid fermentation) until the Matza is shaped. Matzot are spread out thin and perforated to prevent them from rising in the oven. Finally they are placed in the oven to bake.
- If the dough is too dry, water may be added. If the dough is too soft, flour may not be added in order to harden it.
- If one's hands become warm during the kneading process, one should cool them off before continuing the work.
- The kneading should not take place in a room where sunshine penetrates, nor near a window, even if there is no sunshine. It should neither take place near the oven nor other fire, to avoid contact with heat.
- All the utensils used for the preparation of the Matzot (bowls, knives, tables, rolling pins, etc.) must be in perfect condition, without dents or holes, to avoid dough becoming stuck in them and fermenting. Every 18 minutes, all utensils are thoroughly cleaned, and fresh dough is kneaded.

#### THE OVEN

- If one wishes to use a HAMETS oven for the baking of Matzot, a large flame, whose heat must reach all parts of the oven, must be applied first for one hour. Then one waits until all the flames are extinguished and the oven has cooled down, before lighting it again for the baking of the Matzot.

#### BAKING THE MATZOT

The Matzot must be examined to ascertain that they are baked thoroughly. When breaking up a Matza, no "threads" of dough may be noticed. A Matza may not be returned to the oven for more baking. If a Matza became folded while baking, the double part may not be baked properly, therefore all the double dough must be disposed of.

#### PRODUCTION OF MACHINE-MATZOT

As the production of machine Matzot is done mechanically, great quantities of Matzot are produced within a limited time. The machines should be cleaned and washed adequately every 18 minutes. Complicated equipment is employed and there are numerous Halachic problems which most bakers ignore. Without thorough supervision there is a considerable risk of Hamets in machine Matzot.

#### MATZA ASHIRA

- Matza Ashira is the term given for Matza that is kneaded with fruit juice, wine or eggs. When such Matzot are baked, care must be taken that no water whatsoever is added.
- Matza Ashira does not fulfill the Mitzvah of Matza at the Seder. On the other days of Pessah, Matza Ashira may be used.

#### LAWS CONCERNING THE SEDER NIGHT

On leaving the Synagogue after the Arvit prayer on the first Pessah night, we return home to begin the Seder, without delay and in an atmosphere of great joy. Everyone must keep the Mitzvot of the night - to eat matza 3 times throughout the Seder EACH within a prescribed length of time and to drink 4 cups of wine or grape juice within a prescribed length of time. The Matza, wine, and grape juice must be kosher.

#### Giving the Rabbi THE RIGHT TO SELL ONE'S HAMETS

We, THE UNDERSIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ hereby irrevocably authorize RABBI GABRIEL COHEN or anyone else he may designate, to sell, to a non-Jew of his choice, my "HAMETS" and/or mixtures containing "HAMETS" which is at present in my home or place of work, knowingly or unknowingly, in accordance of Jewish Law, as well as all the "HAMETS" and/or mixtures containing "HAMETS" that is in my possession, at home and all my properties (including all transit goods that should be delivered to me during the period of the Pessah Holiday inclusive).

This transaction includes Breads Bagels cereals, flour, pasta, baked goods, fresh yeast, non-Pessah matzos, gefilte fish, bread-crumbs, Possum or Mellow-roast coffees, extracts, grain vinegar, and products containing vinegar such as pickles, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, and mayonnaise, whiskeys, beers, and other alcoholic beverages, elixirs and medications, vitamins, perfumes, colognes, cosmetics, cough medicines, pet foods and other

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He may designate to rent or sell the place where the above-mentioned goods are located. The keys to the premises where the abovementioned goods are located can be found at \_\_\_\_\_ .The buyer shall have free access of the "HAMETS" and/or mixtures containing "HAMETS" acquired by him.

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The transaction should take effect in any law Jewish or Civil before the time of the (Issur) transgression HAMETS. This Agreement shall take effect by virtue of this document, with the Jewish act of Acquisition known as "handkerchief", and Likewise, with the Jewish act of acquisition called "agav".

It is understood that this HAMETS will not be my property for the duration of the Holiday of Pessah and that I will derive no use or benefit from Wednesday April 8, 2020 at 10:30 AM until Thursday April 16, 2020 evening at 10:00 p.m.

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