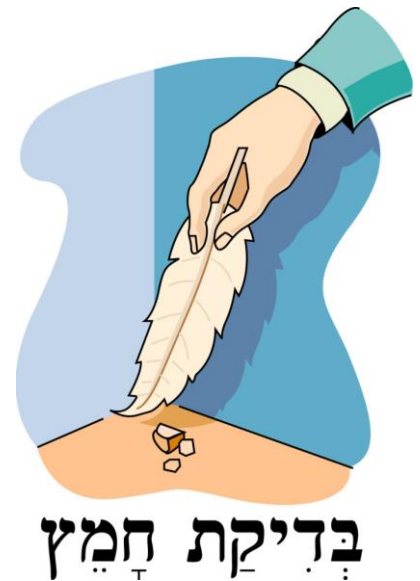


A JEWISH SCAVENGER HUNT 5785:

The Search for Chametz (Leaven)

The search is to be conducted on Thursday evening April 10. The search is conducted as early as possible following sundown. For those who cannot conduct the search at that time, the entire night is available. However, the search must be concluded by sunrise of the following morning.

The search is done at night, traditionally using the light of a candle. You may want to consider a small flashlight. Ten (10) pieces of bread, or other chametz products, are placed in different areas of the house, areas in which it would be customary and usual to find chametz during the course of the year (thus excluding bathrooms from being “searched.”)



Immediately before the search, after the candle has been lit, the blessing below is recited. After the search has been concluded, a Declaration of Nullification is recited. Ideally, there should be no talking between the time we recite the opening blessing and the time we conclude the Declaration of Nullification.

As the “search” proceeds, the “found” pieces are scooped up with a feather and wooden spoon into a receptacle (usually a napkin or paper plate). The receptacle and the implement used to scoop the chametz into the receptacle are all wrapped together carefully and placed in a section of the house where it will not come into contact with the Pesach products which have already been set up.

Both the blessing and Declaration are in the next document. There are two Declarations, a nighttime version, and a daytime version. Both are to be recited at the appropriate time.



Be-your Chametz: Burning the Chametz

Since Pesach begins on Saturday night, the normal order of things is modified to allow for the eating of chametz during part of Shabbat.

The burning of the chametz is done on Friday morning between sunrise and the fourth hour of the day (determined by computing the total number of minutes in the day, dividing by “12” and multiplying by “4”).

The Declaration of Nullification (daytime version) will not be recited until Saturday morning.