

## B'DEEKAT CHAMETZ: SEARCHING FOR LEAVEN

**Before the search, recite:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ד' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל בְּעוֹר חָמֵץ

Ba-ruch atta Adonai, Eh-lo-hey-noo Me-lech ha-o-lam,  
a-sher keed-sha-noo b'mits-vo-tav v'tsee-va-noo al be-oor cha-metz.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, King of the universe who has sanctified us through His commandments, commanding us to remove all chametz.

**After the search, recite:**

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָה דְאִכָּא בְּרִשׁוּתֵי דְלָא חֲמַתָּה וְדְלָא בְּעִרְתָּהּ וְדְלָא יִדְעָנָא לָהּ לְבָטִיל וְלֵהוּי  
הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא

Kol cha-me-rah va-cha-me-ah d'-ee-ka veer-shoo-tay, d'-la cha-me-tay ood-la  
va-ah-ree-tay, ood-la ya-da-na lay, leev-teel v'-leh-heh-vay hef-kare k'-af-ra d'-ah-ra.

All chametz in my possession which I have not seen or removed, or of which I am unaware, is hereby nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth.

Recitation of this declaration, and a similar one the following day, prevents us from violating the prohibition against chametz (Exodus 13: 7). In the morning, after the last meal of chametz, leftovers are added to the crumbs gathered the previous night. These are burned or thrown out. This concludes the ritual of banishing chametz from our dwellings.

**In the morning, recite:**

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָה דְאִכָּא בְּרִשׁוּתֵי דְחֲזִיתָהּ וְדְלָא חֲזִיתָהּ, דְחֲמַתָּה וְדְלָא חֲמַתָּה, דְבְּעִרְתָּהּ וְדְלָא  
בְּעִרְתָּהּ דִּידְעָנָא לָהּ וְדְלָא יִדְעָנָא לָהּ לְבָטִיל וְלֵהוּי הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא

Kol cha-me-rah va-cha-me-ah d'-ee-ka veer-shoo-tay, da-cha-ze-tay ood'-la cha-ze-tay,  
da-cha-me-tay ood'-la cha-me-tay, d'-va-ah-ree-tay ood-la va-ah-ree-tay, d'-ya-da-na lay,  
ood-la ya-da-na lay, leev-teel v'-leh-heh-vay hef-kare k'-af-ra d'-ah-ra.

All chametz in my possession, whether I have seen it or not, whether I have removed it or not, is hereby nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth.

**Reflection:**

Adonai, our God and God of our ancestors, just as I have removed all chametz from my home and from my ownership, so may I evict the evil inclination from my heart, and may You dislodge the evil from the earth.