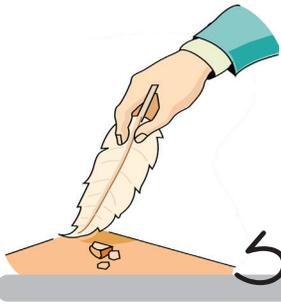


SUNDAY NIGHT, APRIL 9, 2017



Searching for and Burning Hametz

בְּדִיקַת חֵמֶץ *BEDIKAT HAMETZ*

THE GREAT SEARCH... After it gets dark the night before the first Seder, conduct a house-wide search for hametz. This act symbolizes the removal of any hametz that you may have missed while preparing for Pesah.

1 Before the search begins... one person should place one small piece of hametz in all of the rooms of your house (except the bathrooms).

*Berukh atah Adonai
elohenu meleh ha-
alam asher kidshanu
bemitzvotav,
vetzivanu al biyur
hametz*

2 Before you begin the search say the following berakha:

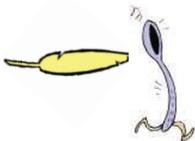
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל בְּעוֹר חֵמֶץ.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who sanctified us by commanding us to remove all the hametz

THE SEARCH BEGINS...



3 Turn off all of the lights in the house and light the candle that is found in your *Bedikat Hametz* kit. With the person who is holding the candle leading the way, form a parade around the house "searching" for the pieces of hametz that have been placed in each of the rooms.



When you find a piece of bread, use the feather and spoon to scoop the bread onto a paper plate.

4 After the last piece of bread has been found, recite the following:

*Kol hamira vahameiya
de-ika virshuti
dela hamiteh
udela viar-teh
udela yeda-ehna
leh li-ba-tel ve-lehevei
hefker ke'afra de'ar-a*

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָה דְאִפְּא בְרִשׁוּתֵי
דְלָא חֲמִתָּה
וְדְלָא בְעֲרִיתָה
וְדְלָא יְדַעְנָא
לֵה לְבַטְל וְלֵהוּי הֶפְקֵר כְּעֲפָרָא דְאַרְעָא.

All hametz in my possession which I have not seen and have not removed shall be nullified and be ownerless as the dust of the earth.

בְּעוֹר חֶמֶץ בִּיּוֹר חֶמֶץ

BURNING THE HAMETZ...The morning after you have done the *Bidikat Hametz*, by 11:45AM, take the pile of bread that you have collected the night before as well as the *Bedikat Hametz* kit that you used and burn it either in a fireplace or barbecue grill.

5 After you burn the hametz, say the following:

*Kol hamira vahami'ah
de-ika virshuti
da-haziteh udela ha-ziteh
dahamiteh udela hamiteh
deviarteḥ udela viarteḥ libatel
velehevei hefker ke-afra dear-a.*

כָּל חֶמֶץ וְחֶמֶץ דְּאֵפָא בְּרִשׁוּתִי
דְּחִזְתָּהּ וְדִלָּא חִזְתָּהּ
דְּחֶמְתָּהּ וְדִלָּא חֶמְתָּהּ
דְּבַעֲרִתָּהּ וְדִלָּא בַעֲרִתָּהּ
לְבָטֵל וְלֹהוּי הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.

All Hametz in my possession which I have not seen and have not removed shall be nullified and be ownerless as the dust of the earth.

מְכִירַת חֶמֶץ מִכְרִית חֶמֶץ

SELLING YOUR HAMETZ...Although we symbolically destroy some hametz that we have in our house the morning before the first *Seder*, we are not required to destroy all of the hametz in our possession. We are required to remove it from public view in the home, but we can still store it out of sight (in boxes or a storage room that would be sealed off throughout Passover). Even though we are permitted to store it in our home, we must give up possession of this hametz throughout the days of Passover.

This is done through a contract that looks like this:

I, _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Steven Lindemann to dispose of all my hametz wherever it may be stored. This I do in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish Law.

Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

For information on how to sell your hametz through Temple Beth Shalom,
please contact Rabbi Michah Peltz 856-751-6663