

Step-by-Step Checklist for Erev Pesach That Occurs on Shabbos

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Halachos by
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THURSDAY MORNING:

- Fast of the Firstborn – Attendance at *siyum* or *seudas mitzvah* absolves one from this fast.
- Mechiras chametz* must be arranged.

THURSDAY EVENING:

- Bedikas chametz* followed by *bitul* formula. Place remaining *chametz* in secure location.

FRIDAY MORNING:

- Recite *Mizmor Lesodah* and *Lamenatzeiach* at *Shacharis*.
- Biur chametz* of all *chametz* not needed for *Shabbos* must be conducted before the end of the fifth hour.
- The *bitul* formula is not recited. However, one who will retain no *chametz* into *Shabbos* should recite the *bitul* formula.
- Hafrashas challah* must be arranged if it hasn't yet been done.
- Eruvei chatzeiros* must be made.
- Work is permitted Friday afternoon. Some refrain.
- Kashering* is permitted (when necessary) even after midday, but must be completed before *Shabbos*.
- All *chametz* and *chametz* vessels not needed for *Shabbos* should be placed in the sealed *chametz* area.
- All covering materials must be cut before *Shabbos*. Prepare twine or child-safety locks to reclose *chametz* closet and cupboards.
- Care should be taken not to place the *Shabbos* candlesticks on top of the tablecloth on which one will eat *chametz*.

SEDER PREPARATIONS:

- The shankbone should be roasted before *Shabbos*.
- The egg should be prepared before *Shabbos*.

- ❑ Lettuce or Romaine lettuce should be checked before *Shabbos*.
- ❑ *Charoses* should be ground or chopped before *Shabbos*.
- ❑ Saltwater should be prepared before *Shabbos*.
- ❑ According to some authorities, horseradish (used for *maror*) should be ground before *Shabbos* and placed in a sealed receptacle.
- ❑ The *Seder* plate (*ke'arah*) should be arranged before *Shabbos*.
- ❑ All seals on wine bottles and *matzah* boxes needed for the *Seder* should be opened.

SHABBOS MEAL PREPARATIONS:

- ❑ Purchase sufficient (but not more than necessary) *challah* or egg *matzah* for the *Shabbos* meals. If necessary, one may make use of (but not eat) a *matzah* as the second of the *lechem mishneh*.
- ❑ If possible, purchase sufficient disposable dishes, utensils and tablecloths to avoid *kashrus* problems with *chametz* dishes or cleanup problems with *Pesach* dishes.
- ❑ A *chametz* broom should be available for cleanup after the morning meal.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL:

- ❑ The meals should be held in a room with a floor that may be swept on *Shabbos*. If the room is carpeted, a drop cloth or disposable tablecloth should be spread on the floor of the area where *chametz* will be eaten. The table should be covered with two new or disposable tablecloths. The *challos* should be on the table in a closed bag.
- ❑ *Kiddush* should be made with a *Pesach* wine cup. All cups and wine bottles should be kosher for *Pesach*. All *Pesach* items must be removed from the table before cutting the *challos*.
- ❑ One must wash and make *hamotzie* on *lechem mishneh* and eat at least a *kebeitzah* of *challah*. In order to facilitate crumb disposal, it is prudent for each individual to eat the *challah* over a spread paper napkin. The napkin and crumbs should then be discarded in the toilet.
- ❑ The top tablecloth and the drop cloth on the floor (after cleaning them of crumbs and discarding the crumbs into the toilet) are put away for use at the *Shabbos* morning meal or else discarded.
- ❑ Clean face and hands of crumbs and rinse your mouth thoroughly. This should be done in the bathroom and not over the kosher-for-*Pesach* sink. When leaving the bathroom, wash your hands in the same fashion as for *netilas yadayim*, but without reciting the *brocha*.
- ❑ The *Shabbos* meal is now eaten with *Pesach* food and utensils. [Disposable plates and utensils may be used. They should be of a quality befitting the honor of *Shabbos*.]
- ❑ You may alternatively use *matzah ashirah* (egg *matzah*) for this meal. Wash, make *hamotzie* and eat a *kebeitzah* of *matzah ashirah*, preferably eating it along with the food of the *seudah*. [The first five items listed above are not applicable when using *matzah ashirah*.]

SHABBOS MORNING:

- ❑ *Shacharis* is scheduled earlier than usual to allow the completion of the meal and the removal and disposal of the *chametz* in a timely fashion.

- ❑ Conduct the *Shabbos* morning meal following the first six items of the Friday night meal. After reciting *Birkas Hamazon*, take a break for at least 15 minutes and then follow the third through fifth items in the previous section. Note: If you use the *matzah ashirah* option, you must divide the meal in two by reciting *Birkas Hamazon*, recessing, and then repeating the last item in the previous section.
- ❑ All leftover *chametz* must be disposed of into the toilet before the end of the fifth hour. The area around the table should be swept with a *chametz* broom and the crumbs thrown into the toilet. Alternatively, the drop cloth placed on the floor is removed and the crumbs on it discarded into the toilet. Note: All *chametz* items (broom, etc.) should be placed in the *chametz* closet. [Taping or tying with string is prohibited on *Shabbos*. When closing *chametz* closets or cupboards on *Shabbos*, one may wrap string around the handles or use child-safety locks.]
- ❑ The *bitul chametz* formula usually recited when burning *chametz* must be recited before the end of the fifth hour.

SEUDAH SHLISHIS:

- ❑ *Mincha* is scheduled earlier than usual in order to allow one to partake of *seudah shlishis* before the tenth hour.
- ❑ Neither bread, *matzah* nor *matzah ashirah* are used at this meal. One may partake (depending on custom) of *kneidlach* (*matzah* balls), meat, fish, or fruits. [Sephardim with the custom to eat *matzah ashirah* on *Pesach* may use it for this meal before the tenth hour.]
- ❑ After the tenth hour, one may not partake of large satiating amounts of any food. Small amounts of fruit are permitted.

MOTZOEI SHABBOS:

- ❑ No *Seder* preparations may be made until after *tzeis hakoachavim*. One must recite "*Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh l'kodesh*" before beginning any *Yom Tov* preparations.