

סדר בדיקת חמץ

על פי מנהג חב"ד

When Erev Pesach coincides with Shabbat, the search and removal of *chametz* are moved up to Thursday evening and Friday morning respectively.

It is customary to place well-wrapped pieces of hard bread in various places some time before the search, so that the one who searches will find them. According to the Kabbalah, one should place ten pieces. Before starting the search, the following blessing is recited:

Blessed are You, Lord
our God, King of the universe,
who has sanctified us with His commandments
and commanded us
concerning the removal of *chametz*.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ
עַל בְּעוֹר חָמֵץ:

One is to search by candlelight in all hidden places, even cracks in the floor. One is not to speak between the blessing and the beginning of the search, even concerning the search itself. Throughout the search, one should not speak about anything that is not relevant to the search. Members of the household should stand nearby to hear the blessing, with each one then searching his own place without speaking in between. They should begin the search in the room nearest the place where the blessing was heard, and not go to another room immediately after the blessing. After the search, one must be careful that the *chametz* retained (to be eaten or to be burnt in the morning) should be put in a safe place, so that it is not carried about and thereby crumbled and spread by children or rodents.

After the search one must also nullify the *chametz* he may have overlooked, and say:

All leaven or anything leavened
which is in my possession,
which I have neither seen
nor removed,
and about which I am unaware,
shall be considered naught and ownerless
as the dust of the earth.

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא
דְּאִכְפָּא בְּרִשְׁוֹתֵי,
דְּלֹא חֲמִיתִיה
וְדְלֹא בַעֲרִיתִיה
וְדְלֹא יָדַעְנָא לִיה,
לְבַטַּל וְלִהְיוּ הַפְּקָר
כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא:



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The *chametz*, including the ten pieces, should be burned in a special fire on the morning of the fourteenth of Nissan, before the fifth "proportional" hour of the day. (A "proportional" hour is one-twelfth of the period between sunrise and sunset.) Following this, one should recite the following declaration, nullifying any remaining *chametz*:

All leaven or anything leavened
which is in my possession,
whether I have seen it or not,
whether I have observed it or not,
whether I have removed it or not,
shall be considered naught and ownerless
as the dust of the earth.

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא
דְּאִכְפָּא בְּרִשְׁוֹתֵי,
דְּחִזִּיתִיה וְדְלֹא חִזִּיתִיה,
דְּחֲמִיתִיה וְדְלֹא חֲמִיתִיה,
דְּבַעֲרִיתִיה וְדְלֹא בַעֲרִיתִיה,
לְבַטַּל וְלִהְיוּ הַפְּקָר
כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא:

The following is said during the burning of the *chametz*:

May it be Your will,
Lord our God and God of our fathers,
that just as I remove the *chametz*
from my house and from my possession,
so shall You remove all the extraneous forces,
and the spirit of impurity
purge from the earth,
and our evil inclination
eradicate from within us
and grant us a heart of flesh
to serve You in truth;
and all the *sitra achrah* and all the *kelipot*
and all the wickedness destroy in smoke
and abolish the rule of evil from the earth;
and all those who distress the *Shechinah*
remove with a spirit of destruction and of judgment
just as You annihilated
Egypt and its idols
in those days, at this time.
Amen. Selah.

יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ
יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ,
כְּשֵׁם שְׂאֵנִי מִבַּעַר חָמֵץ
מִבֵּיתִי וּמִרִשְׁוֹתַי,
כִּד תִּבְעֵר אֶת כָּל הַחִיצוֹנִים,
וְאֶת רוּחַ הַטְּמְאָה
תַּעֲבִיר מִן הָאָרֶץ,
וְאֶת יְצִרְנוּ הָרַע
תַּעֲבִירָהוּ מֵאַהֲנוּ,
וְתַתֵּן לָנוּ לֵב בָּשָׂר
לְעַבְדֶּךָ בְּאֵמֶת,
וְכָל סַטְרָא אַחֲרָא וְכָל הַקְּלִפּוֹת
וְכָל הָרָשָׁעָה כְּעָשָׂן תִּכְלֶה,
וְתַעֲבִיר מְמִשְׁלַת זָדוֹן מִן הָאָרֶץ,
וְכָל הַמְּעִיקִים לְשִׁכְיִנָּה
תִּבְעֵרֵם בְּרוּחַ בַּעַר וּבְרוּחַ מִשְׁפָּט
כְּשֵׁם שִׁבְעֵרַת
אֶת מִצְרַיִם וְאֶת אֱלֹהֵיהֶם
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה,
אָמֵן סְלָה:

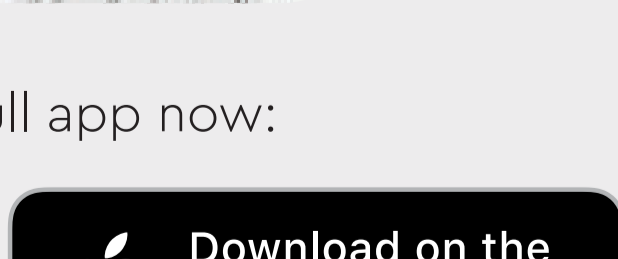
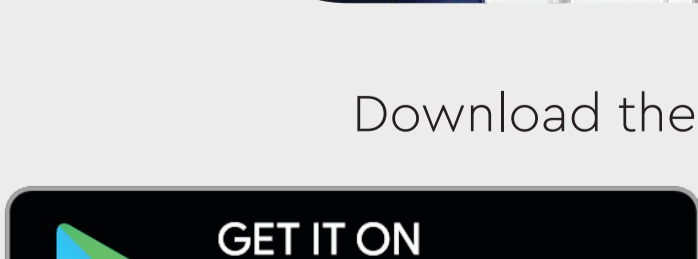


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