



## Erev Pesach she'chal b'Shabbat

Thankfully, erev Pesach rarely falls on a Shabbat, as balancing the two is not easy. This infrequency also makes it difficult to remember what needs to be done when. Here's a short reminder:

### Thursday – Taanit Bechorot

The Fast of the Firstborn is moved up to Thursday.

### Thursday night - Bedikat Chametz

Check for chametz in the usual way, one night early. Before checking recite the blessing – with the intention to fulfill the biur (eradication) chametz through burning on Friday and disposal of any small amounts that remain on Shabbat itself. After searching recite kol chamira and nullify chametz unknown, unfound chametz. At this point all remaining chametz should be gathered in a set location.

### Friday erev Shabbat- Biur Chametz

Burn the chametz on Friday before the 5th halachic hour, so that it remains consistent with other years. Since chametz may still be owned and eaten, do not recite kol chamira after burning. One may kasher utensils the whole day. Prep items for seder plate.

When lighting shabbat candles, **light a 25+ hour burning candle** to light Pesach candles after shabbat.

## Shabbat

### Hamotzi: Matza or Bread?

Most people eat either bread or matza ashira for hamotzi at both Friday night dinner and on Shabbat day. Due to multiple halachic questions regarding the status of matza ashira some have the custom not to use it. See online guide for details and more options.

### Shabbat day meal

On Shabbat day finish eating bread and any foods you do not eat on Pesach (depending on custom – matza ashira, kitniyot) by the 4th halachic hour (sof zman achilat chametz). If eating bread or other chametz clean out your mouth (with other food, drink, or teeth-brushing if you brush your teeth on Shabbat).

Note: There are poskim who allow eating matza ashira midday or until the beginning of the 10th halachic hour.

### Disposing of chametz on Shabbat

Dispose of any leftover chametz by flushing down the toilet – before the 5th halachic hour. Recite the text of kol chamira recited after biur chametz, which nullifies all chametz one possesses, even chametz that is known about.

### Seudat Shlishit

Prevalent custom is to eat the third meal after mincha. If having matza ashira or mezonot (see online for cooking with matza meal) eat before the 10th halachic hour of the day – to ensure an appetite for matza at the seder. Rema adds that those who do not eat matza ashira at this point in the day can fulfill the third meal with fruits, fish, or meat. While these can also be eaten after the 10th hour, make sure you will be able to eat matza at the seder with an appetite.

## Motzei Shabbat

After shabbat is over recite "v'todiyanu" during ma'ariv or "baruch hamavdil bein kodesh l'kodesh" and then light candles and finish preparations. Havdala is inserted into kiddush.

