

| Checking for and Destroying Chametz 5780/2020   |
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| This year we will check for the chametz on April 7. You must look for any types of chametz in your home, business, restrooms (especially if you have children), in your car, storehouses, closets etc.  |
| This year we will begin the search at approximately 8 PM  |
| In order that we do not forget to do this mitzvah, or have something come up the sages instituted that we may not do anything involved 30 minutes before this time. Therefore we may not have a meal, or more than 50 grams of a cookie or bread 30 minutes before. However, consuming fruits and liquids is permitted.   |
| It is so important to begin at the proper time that once 8 PM hits, even Torah learning is forbidden.   |
| We use a candle to conduct the search, however other lights in the house may also be turned on.   |
| (There is a custom to put 10 pieces of a small amount of bread, less than 18 grams, scattered around the house to find during the search).  |
| Before you begin you say the blessing: Baruch atah ado—nai elo-haynu melech haolam asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanue al biur chametz. After this point you CANNOT SPEAK about other topics.  |
| After the search one should put all chametz aside (it can be eaten early the next morning, but anything else must be burnt). We then say (3 times) "Kal Chamira Deika Birshuti Dela Chaziteh Udela Biarteh Libtil Veleheve (Hefker) Keafra Deara" The translation is: "All kind of Chametz or fermenting agent that belongs to me, that I haven't seen or that I haven't eliminated, should be considered ownerless, as the dust of the earth." |
| The next morning while burning the chametz we say (3 times) "Kal Chamira Deika<br>Birshuti Dechaziteh Udela Chaziteh Debiarteh Udela Biarteh Libtil Veleheve (Hefker)<br>Keafra Deara"  |
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