

EDMOND J. SAFRA
SYNAGOGUE

PESAH 5786/2026

PASSOVER

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 5786/2026

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 - BEDIKAT HAMESS

Shahrit – First Minyan.....	6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan	7:30 AM
Shahrit – Third Minyan.....	8:00 AM
Minha followed by Arbit.....	6:00 PM
Bedikat Hamess - Search for Hamess beginning	7:41 PM

For those who are unable to contact the Rabbi personally for the sale of Hamess, you may sell your Hamess via our website or you may complete the form and mail, or email directly to the synagogue (see the details at the end).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 - EREB PESAH - TA'ANIT BEKHOROT - FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

Shahrit – First Minyan.....	6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan	7:30 AM
Shahrit – Third Minyan.....	8:00 AM
Siyum following the.....	6:30 AM, 7:30 AM, & 8:00 AM minyanecem

***** Remember to Prepare the Erub Tabshilin*****

Refrain from Eating Hamess.....	10:06 AM
Burn Hamess no later than.....	11:18 AM
Minha followed by Arbit	6:50 PM
Candle Lighting	7:01 PM
Kiddush/First Seder after.....	7:41 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - FIRST DAY OF PESAH

Shahrit (Begin Morid Hatal in Musaf).....	8:30 AM
Minha followed by Arbit	
(Begin counting the Omer after Arbit).....	6:50 PM
Kiddush not Before	7:43 PM
Candle Lighting after (Transfer Flame)	8:03 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - SECOND DAY OF PESAH

Shahrit.....	8:30 AM
Minha.....	6:00 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat followed by Arbit.....	6:20 PM
Candle Lighting (Transfer Flame).....	7:04 PM

Candle lighting and kiddush are recited like any other Shabbat.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - THIRD DAY OF PESAH / SHABBAT HOL HAMOED

Shahrit.....	8:30 AM
Minha.....	6:40 PM
Se'uda Shelisheet	7:10 PM
Arbit (Begin Barekhenu in Arbit).....	7:45 PM
Habdalah - end of Shabbat	8:06 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - FOURTH DAY OF PESAH / HOL HAMOED

Shahrit - First Minyan (No Tefillin)	7:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan (No Tefillin).....	8:30 AM
Shahrit – Third Minyan (No Tefillin)	On Break
Minha followed by Arbit.....	6:10 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 6 - FIFTH DAY OF PESAH / HOL HAMOED

Shahrit First Minyan (No Tefillin).....	6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan (No Tefillin).....	7:30 AM
Shahrit – Third Minyan (No Tefillin)	On Break
Minha followed by Arbit.....	6:10 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 - EREB SHEBI'I SHEL PESAH / HOL HAMOED

Shahrit First Minyan (No Tefillin).....	6:30 AM
Shahrit – Second Minyan (No Tefillin).....	7:30 AM
Shahrit – Third Minyan (No Tefillin)	On Break
Minha followed by Arbit.....	6:10 PM
Candle Lighting	7:08 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 - SEVENTH DAY OF PESAH / SHEBI'I SHEL PESAH

Tikkun Shebi'i Shel Pesah.....	7:00 AM
Shahrit.....	8:30 AM
Minha followed by Arbit.....	6:10 PM
Candle Lighting after (Transfer Flame)	8:10 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - EIGHTH DAY OF PESAH / SHEMINI SHEL PESAH

Shahrit.....	8:30 AM
Minha.....	7:10 PM
Arbit.....	7:50 PM
Habdalah / End of Festival	8:11 PM

Earliest time to eat Hamess and to allow buying back the Hamess 9:00 PM

SELECTED LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF PASSOVER

1. What is Considered Hamess

Hamess includes such articles as bread, cake, cookies, cereals, whisky, beer, candies, preserves, desserts, leavening, etc. and any food or drink made from, or containing wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt or their derivatives.

2. General Kashering Regulations

The gas range should be scoured thoroughly, and then heated to the glowing point by early *Tuesday afternoon, March 31st*. Any dishes and silverware, excluding glassware, used all year are not to be used on Passover. Whenever possible, a complete set of special Pesah dishes, pots and silverware should be used. Any utensils used during the year in the preparation and serving of food must be thoroughly cleansed and purged. For the proper procedure to be employed in the purging of utensils, please contact the Rabbi.

3. Bedikat Hamess – The Search For Leaven

Bedikat Hamess, the search for hamess in the home takes place on *Tuesday night, March 31st after 7:41 PM*. All rooms must be thoroughly cleaned before the search is conducted. Distribute 10 pieces of bread and place them in various rooms that are to be searched. The search should be conducted by the light of a single wax candle containing a single-wick. If this is not available, a flashlight may be substituted. For areas that a candle is not practical or may be dangerous, a flashlight is preferred. During the search, collect these 10 pieces and place them on a plate to be burned the next morning. Consult the Mahzor or Haggada for further instructions as needed.

If you are going away for the holidays within 30 days before Pesah, you

must remove all hamess and make Bedikat Hamess the night before you depart. No blessing is recited if the search is performed before ***March 31st.***

Recite the following Blessing prior to the search:

***BARUKH ATA A-DO-NAY ELO-HENU MELEKH HA' OLAM ASHER KID-
DESHANU BE-MISSVOTAV VE-SSIVANU 'AL BEE'UR HAMESS.***

***“BLESSED ARE YOU, G-D KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS SANCTI-
FIED US BY HIS COMMANDMENTS AND HAS COMMANDED US ABOUT
BURNING THE HAMESS”***

Immediately after the search, one recites the following in a language they understand:

***KAL HAMEERAH DE-EEKAH BIR-SHOOTEE DE'LA HAZEETAY U-D'LA
BE-'ARTEY LE-BATEEL VE'LE-HE-VEY KE-AFRA DE-ARAH.***

***“ALL LEAVENED FOODSTUFFS IN MY POSSESSION WHICH I HAVE
NOT SEEN NOR REMOVED, SHALL BE ANNULLED AND CONSID-
ERED VOID LIKE THE DUST OF THE EARTH.”***

4. Ta'anit Bekhorot - Fast of the First Born

On ***Wednesday, April 1st***, every male first born must fast or waive his fast obligation by attending a service of Siyum, a conclusion of a Tractate of Talmud, and partake in a festive meal.

5. Siyum - Tractate Conclusion

Upon conclusion of a Tractate, cake and wine are served rendering the occasion a festive meal. The Siyum will be held after the 6:30, 7:30 AM, and 8:00 AM Shahrit services on ***Wednesday, April 1st***. Every first-born male should attend services and participate in the Siyum in order to exempt themselves from fasting.

6. Mekhirat Hamess - Selling of the Hamess

Hamess may not remain in the possession of a Jew during Passover. Hamess, therefore, must be either discarded or sold to a non-Jew. However, Hamess sold to a non-Jew may remain on the property of

a Jew within a locked closet, freezer or a refrigerator, inaccessible to the Jew during the holiday. Since selling the Hamess requires special knowledge of the Jewish law of sales, one may only sell their Hamess through a Rabbi. You may sell your Hamess via our website www.ejsny.org/hamess. Alternatively, attached is an authorization form to be filled out and returned so that it is received no later than ***Tuesday, March 31st.***

7. Last Hamess Meal

Refrain from eating Hamess after ***10:06 AM on Wednesday morning April 1st.***

8. Bi'ur Hamess - Burning of the Hamess

Hamess must be burned or discarded no later than ***11:18 AM on Wednesday, April 1st.***

After burning the Hamess and ensuring all Hamess is no longer edible, one recites the following:

KAL HAMEERAH DE'EEKA BIR-SHOOTI DA'HAZEETAY U'DLA HAZEETAY, DE'BEE-ARTEY U-D'LA BEE-ARTEY LE-BATEEL VE'LE-HE-VEY KE-'AFRA DE-ARAH.

“ALL LEAVENED FOODSTUFFS IN MY POSSESSION, WHETHER I HAVE SEEN THEM OR NOT, WHETHER I HAVE BURNED THEM OR NOT, SHALL BE ANNULLED AND CONSIDERED VOID, LIKE THE DUST OF THE EARTH.”

9. Erub Tabshilin

Our sages instituted Erub Tabshilin as a means to enable us to prepare food on the Friday of the Holiday for Shabbat. This year, the second day of the holiday falls on Friday, and Erub Tabshilin is applicable. On Wednesday afternoon, April 1st, the Eve of Pesah, prior to Yom Tob set aside a piece of massa and cooked food intended for Shabbat (eg. a hard-boiled egg). Raise it and recite the following:

BARUKH ATA ADO-NAY ELO-HENU MELEKH HA'OLAM ASHER KIDDESHANU BE-MISSVOTAV VE-SSIVANU 'AL MISSVAT ERUB.

“IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ERUB, IT SHALL BE PERMISSIBLE FOR US TO BAKE, COOK, PREPARE AND DO ALL NECESSARY THINGS FOR SHABBAT DURING YOM TOB (THE HOLIDAY).”

Be sure to eat the massa and food by “Se’uda Shelisheet” on Shabbat.

10. Kiddush

On both nights of the Seders, Kiddush should be recited after nightfall, which is approximately 20 minutes after sunset. Please follow the format in the Haggada.

11. Morid Hatal - “Prayer for the Dew”

It is customary that on the first day of Passover we begin reciting “Morid Hatal” in the prayer of Musaf.

12. Counting of the Omer

Starting on the second night of Pesah, *Thursday, April 2nd*, the Omer should be counted until Shabu’ot. The counting should also take place after nightfall, which is 20 minutes after sunset.

13. Barekheni – “Prayer for Sustenance”

We begin reciting this prayer on *Saturday night, April 4th* in the ‘Amida of Arbit.

14. Tikkun Leil Shebi’i Shel Pesah

It is customary that on the 7th day of Passover, special prayers are recited throughout the night to commemorate the splitting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the sea by the Israelites on dry land. We will recite those prayers prior to Shahrit on *Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 AM*.



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Sale of Hamess

The power of selling any and all articles of Hamess left during the Passover Holiday must be delegated to the Rabbi who, in turn, will sell it to a non-Jew for you. This sale can definitely not be transacted by the ordinary layman as the procedure is complicated and must, therefore, be arranged only by a Rabbi. The Rabbi should be contacted a few days in advance of Passover.

Any Hamess retained for use after Pesah cannot be eaten unless it was sold through a Rabbi. For those who are unable to contact the Rabbi personally for the sale of their Hamess, an authorization form for the sale can be found at the end of this bulletin. It should be returned as soon as possible upon receipt of this Bulletin. This form may be mailed, faxed, emailed or submitted via our website, on/or by **Tuesday, March 3 1st** as follows:

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תזכו לשנים רבות
מועדים לשמחה

Form for the Sale of Hamess

I, (we)
HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RABBI to dispose of all hamess that may be in my (our) possession at home, place of business or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law.

Home Address:

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Location Where Hamess is Stored:

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Nature of Hamess:

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Approximate Value:

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Business Address:

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Location Where Hamess is Stored:

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Nature of Hamess:

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Approximate Value:

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Summer Home:

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Location Where Hamess is Stored:

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Nature of Hamess:

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Approximate Value:

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* () Will be in Israel/later time zone than NY for the Holiday

Please submit the form to the Rabbi's attention.
Mail: Edmond J. Safra Synagogue, 11 E. 63rd Street, New York, NY 10065
E-mail office@ejsny.org

You may also sell your hamess via our website www.ejsny.org/hamess.
Form should be returned to the Rabbi no later than **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**.