

MEDICINES DURING PASSOVER

The Contents of Drugs and

The Dinim of Pesach

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In order to aid rabbis, physicians and others interested in the question, the following information concerning the Pesach status of various drugs has been prepared. This listing is not intended to "paskenen shailos" (for which an Orthodox Rabbi must be consulted) but only to make available certain basic information concerning the composition of various drug products. In every case, the condition of the patient, nature of the illness and type of the drug must be considered. This should be done by a illness and type of the drug must be considered. This should be done by a consultation of the rabbi and the physician.

Drugs can be divided into various general classifications depending on their physical properties, and medical nature.

The following drugs are permissible on the holiday of Pesach, provided that a new box or package is used.

Milk of Magnesia (Unflavored)
Epsom Salt
Aspirin
Anacin
Empyrin
Polycyrib
Orinase
Diabinese
Noxema Ointment
Vicks Nose Salve and Drops
Iso-Propyl Alcohol & Plain Ethyl Rubbing
Alcohol for External use
Alcoroid
Sucaryl
Mineral Oil (Unflavored)
Fast-Teeth for Dentures
Alka Seltzer Tablets (Uncoated)
Bufferin
Saccharine
Seidlitz Powder (Unflavored)
Citro-Carbonate (Unflavored)
Cumodus-Blood Thinner
Weber's Herb Tea
Wildroot Hair Tonic
Miltone 400's (Uncoated)

The following drugs are not used on the holiday of Pesach:

Malax Blydent
Ex-Lax Alophen Pills
Iodine Tablets Throat Lozenges
Ascorbic Acid Donnatal
Durident Tablets Cough Mixtures
Miltone 200's (Coated)
Sugar-Coated Tablets

The following is a list of the Fruits and Vegetables that are used on Pesach in the Jewish home:

Apples	Bananas
Cabbage	Carrots
Celery	Cherry Tomatoes
Grapes	Green Peppers
Navels	New Potatoes
Pears	Plums
Raspberries	Radishes
Sweet Potatoes	Squash
Strawberries	Tomatoes
Baking Apples	Beets
Cantaloupe	Cucumbers
Egg Plant	Grapefruit
Honeydew	Nectarines
Onions	Peaches
Pineapple	Persian Melon
Rhubarb	Romaine Lettuce
Spinach	Scallions
Turnips	

Horeseradish (there are many questions about bought horseradish, ask your Rabbi for consultation.)

Lettuce	Lemons
Water Cress	Tanerines
Watermelon	

Asparagus, Brocoli, Cauliflower, Mushrooms, Wax Paper, can be used if they are wrapped, and were never exposed to any chometz.

Concerning Garlic, this depends on custom; some Jews in Russia and Lithuania used it, others do not use it.

Mustard can be used for baths only (externally).

Carnation Milk can be used for babies.

(If any of above fruits or vegetables were cut, trimmed or treated, then an Orthodox Rabbi should be consulted.)

The following foods are forbidden on Pesach:

Beans	String Beans
Com Kernel	Split Peas
Peas	All Whiskies (except Those prepared especially for Pesach with a Hechsher from a strict Orthodox Rabbi.)
	Dextri Maltose
Peanuts	Spices
Beer	Rice
Barley	Lima Beans
Delicatessan	
Starlac	

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