

CHAMETZ

The prohibition of Chametz includes not only leavened materials such as wheat, rye, barley, oats and their products, but the Rabbi included seeds other than these five grains. The "gezeros kitnyos" extends to beans, peas, rice and other grains that may be ground into flour. Since Chametz prohibitions extend to even the slightest admixture, extreme care must be used in ascertaining that commercially available food is free of all Chametz derivatives. Buy only food products that have reliable rabbinic endorsement. In cases of doubt, consult with the Rabbi for assistance and clarification.

CANNED AND FROZEN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

1. Canned fruit packed in sugar syrup requires Rabbinic supervision, since corn syrup is often used instead of canned sugar. Libby's and Dole pineapple in their own juice, without citric acid or Vitamin C, need no Rabbinic supervision. They should be bought before Passover.
 2. Only the following frozen vegetables may be used without Rabbinic supervision: Birdseye asparagus and carrots.
 3. Children should not be fed Chometz during Passover except under emergency conditions in consultation with the Rabbi.
 4. Pets may not be fed Chametz during Passover. A leading pet food manufacturer suggests that crushed matzah or matzah meal with water may substitute for bird or fish food. Ingredients must be checked on pet food labels for Chametz.
- ** A more detailed list of Passover products can be found in the O.U. Kosher Directory - Passover Edition, available through the Synagogue. More extensive information will also appear shortly through the Vaad Hooir.**

DISHES AND UTENSILS

Since we are not permitted to have even a trace of leaven in our food during Pesach, special attention must be given to the use of pots, pans, dishes and utensils. One should use special ones set aside exclusively for Pesach. Under certain conditions, however, some of the utensils used throughout the year may also be used on Pesach. They must be kashered, i.e. prepared in a special manner for Pesach use. If you have any particular questions regarding products or utensils, do not hesitate to consult with Rabbi Schnell.

And Moses said unto the people: Remember this day, in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place; no leavened bread shall be eaten.