

PREPARING THE OVEN AND STOVE

1. All parts of the oven or stove which may have been reached by food during the year must be thoroughly cleaned and scraped. The oven should not be used for 24 hours prior to kashering. A caustic type cleaner such as EasyOff should be used to clean it. If some stubborn spots remain, cleaner should be applied a second time. If they still remain, they can then be disregarded. Once the oven and racks have been cleaned, the oven should be turned up to broil setting for 40 minutes. The burners upon which the pots sit on the range may be inserted into the oven and kashered together with it, provided that they were, as well, previously thoroughly cleaned.
2. During Passover, special metal sheets are placed over the top of the range to prevent contact of any part of the stove with Pesach utensils. A recommended practice for the stove interior is to provide a fitted metal insert with new grates for baking on Passover.
3. Tables used for eating, kitchen counters, and the enameled gas range top should be prepared for Passover use by cleaning and scouring them thoroughly. They should then be covered with heavy paper cardboard or heavy duty aluminum foil.
4. Sinks should be thoroughly cleaned and scoured. Boiling water should then be poured over all surfaces. A dishpan should be used at all times for washing dishes within the sink (separate ones for daily and meat dishes). Sink counters should be treated as other kitchen counters.

FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

Because the first born of the Israelites were spared when the Egyptians were smitten in the Tenth Plague, all first born Jewish males fast on Erev Pesach until the Seder. This is called Taanit B'Chorim. If, however, one attends a Seudat Mitzvah (a feast that accompanies the performance of a religious duty), then one is not required to fast. It is, therefore, customary in all shules that a SIYUM or conclusion of a Talmudic tractate follows the morning service on this day. The conclusion of a Talmudic book is an occasion for rejoicing and warrants a feast or Seudat Mitzvah. All first born males should attend morning services on Erev Pesach and stay for the Siyum. Rabbi Schnell will conduct a Siyum on Monday morning, April 9, at 7:15 A.M., immediately after davening.

MATZAH SHENURAH

The Biblical commandment for Matzah applies only to the first two days of Pesach. For the remainder of Pesach, the only requirement is that one may not eat Chametz. Therefore it is preferable to obtain, for the first two nights, Matzah which has been under constant supervision from the time of cutting the grain, until the baking. Tasty hand-baked Shenura Matzohs may be purchased through the Rabbi. Please place your orders immediately.

EGG MATZAH

This may not be eaten all Pesach. The exception to the rule is in the case of an aged or sick person who is not able to eat regular Matzohs.