

PESACH THINGS TO REMEMBER

1- The Fast of the FirstBorn is on THURSDAY, March 25. All first-born men have to fast unless they attend a *siyum*. We will have a *siyum* after the 6 AM minyan and also after the 7:25 minyan. If anyone is concerned about attending we can arrange a zoom participation (please let the Rav know).

2-*Bedikas Chametz*--the search for chametz-- is on Thursday evening, March 25, for those going away for yom tov if you leave before Thursday, bedikah is done the night before leaving.

3- Friday March 26 - all preparations for the seder is to be done before Shabbos ie Maror, charoses, roasting the shank bone etc.

4-On Shabbos, March 27, it is permitted to eat chametz until 10:30 AM, and all chametz must be destroyed or removed from the home by 11:45 AM.

5- Shabbos morning; *Wash Hamotzi and eat TWO meals before 10:30, many have the custom of eating a brief meal and bench, then wait around 20 minutes, wash hamotzi again and eat the third meal.*

6-On Shabbos afternoon, Erev Pesach, it is a very good idea to read the parsha (Shmos ch12. From posuk21-28) that describes how the Jews brought the Korban Pesach in Egypt . Our rabbis say that if one studies the verses about the Korban Pesach it is as if one sacrificed it.

7-On Sunday evening, March 28, start counting the Omer [*sefira*] after Ma'ariv.

8-Kitnios--Ashkenazim do not eat legumes [kitnios in hebrew] during Pesach. That includes foods such as rice, corn, lentils, beans, peanuts, sunflower seeds, corn syrup among others. Sefardic Jews do eat these.

THIS COMING SHABBOS

While next Shabbos is Shabbos Hagadol, "this" Shabbos the Rav will be giving the Shabbos Hagadol drasha. Please see the schedule for times.

ALSO, this coming Shabbos morning (during davening) the Rav plans to discuss some halochos people need be aware of. If someone wishes to submit a topic before Shabbos the Rav will try include it – please contact the Rav directly.