

Community Passover Seder



Conducted by Rabbi Michael Rascoe

Join us for the first night of Passover at
Temple Israel of Riverhead

Friday, April 19, 2019
7 PM Services, followed by Seder

→ Advance paid reservations required. ←

Please reserve by April 5th. Call Lisa Israel, 631 727-5500.

Reservations received after April 5 may not be accepted.

Complete the form below and send with your check payable to
Temple Israel of Riverhead.

Members: \$50 per adult, \$20 per child 12 or younger.

Non-members: \$60 per adult, \$25 per child 12 or younger.

Name: _____

No. of adults: _____

Address: _____

No. of children: _____

Phone: _____

Mail form to:

Lisa Israel

Temple Israel of Riverhead

c/o Richmond Realty

889 Harrison Ave, 2nd Floor

Riverhead, NY 11901

Check enclosed for: \$ _____

(Payable to Temple Israel of Riverhead)



Notes from our Rabbi

Pesah Instructions: If you wish Pesah help, e.g. what food requires rabbinic certification (a *hekhsher*), how to *kasher*, conduct a Seder, a minimal list of what to cover, what the Seder means, more contemporary readings, formulae to be recited, and other information, contact me.

Bedikat hametz: Search for leaven Thursday, April 18, after 7:33 PM. The search is important, not whether you find something. Traditionally people set aside *hamets* for children to find by candlelight and sweep onto a wooden spoon using a feather or last Sukkot's *lulav*.

Ta'anit/Siyyum Bekhorim: On the day leading into Pesah, Friday, April 19, the firstborn (*bekhorim*) fast (*ta'anit*) to express their gratitude for God's saving them from the tenth plague. But all who are at a *se'udat mitsvah* (a meal accompanying a religious celebration) must eat, so the custom arose to finish a Talmudic tractate (*siyyum*) this morning, so even the firstborn present must break their fast. We do not have one.

Mekhirat Hametz, kashering, eating: The last time to sell (*mekhirat*) *hametz* (leaven), *kasher* the kitchen, and eat *hametz* is Friday, April 19, at 10:35 AM. A form to utilize my services follows on page 6. It is preferred to do it in person, but mail is fine. Please allow time, especially if you mail it to the Temple (we only pick up mail Tuesdays and Fridays by 10 AM), and mail to the house arrives too late on Friday for me to sell it. You may mail or give me the form as soon as you receive it. Please make sure that I have the form by Tuesday, April 16 as I will be out of town for Avi's white coat ceremony just before Pesah. Please wait until 9:00 PM on Saturday, April 27 for me to buy back the *hamets*.

Bi'ur Hametz: The burning/disposal (*bi'ur*) of *hametz* and its nullification formula must be recited by Monday, April 10, at 11:39 AM.

Hospitality: Please let me know if you need a place for second Seder or you can host those who do not have a place to go. We have a first night Seder, so we do not offer hospitality this night. Please come to our Seder. If the cost prevents you from attending our Seder, or if you would like a ride, please contact me.

Appointment Of Agent For *M'khairat Hamets*

I/We hereby appoint Rabbi Michael Rascoe to act as my/our agent to sell any *hamets* (leavened item) that may be found in my/our possession wherever it may be found at home, place of business, car, and/or elsewhere, in accordance with Jewish law. Enclosed is my/our check for \$_____ payable to the "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund" (unless you make a *Ma-ot Hittim* (Passover) donation elsewhere). This year please make sure I have the form by Tuesday April 16 from Wednesday until Seder.

Please fill out the form completely:

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

