



over Shabbat).

- *Bedikat Hametz* (searching for *hametz*) should be conducted on Thursday night, March 25.
- *Motzi* on Shabbat may either be made over egg matza – which is not *hametz* but also not technically matza – or very carefully over challah with crumbs immediately gathered and disposed of. More information can be found [here](#).
- Although it is preferable to conduct the entire seder after Shabbat has ended (about 8:00 pm on March 27), it is permissible to begin as early as 6:00 pm. When starting early, it is recommended to initially skip over the most essential elements of the seder and do them later once the holiday has officially begun. Click [here](#) for more information.
- [The Rabbinical Assembly's Passover Guide 5781](#) is a great resource, as is this [addendum](#) with additional advice and leniencies for times of pandemic. The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards' letter on streaming seder is also [available](#).

### **Mechirat Hametz (Selling Hametz)**

To appoint me as your agent for selling *hametz*, please fill out [this form](#) which must be received no later than 9:00 am on Friday, March 26. Anyone who would like to do *kinyan* (affect the transaction) in person, outside, in a socially distanced way should feel free to contact me at [a.tucker@templeisraelcenter.org](mailto:a.tucker@templeisraelcenter.org)

### **Ma'ot Hittim ("Wheat Money")**

Before Pesach, it is customary to give *ma'ot hittim*, gifts to support Passover preparations of those in need. Especially given the significant financial hardships brought on by COVID, we urge anyone who is able to be especially generous this year. Some of us might think about the money we will be saving by having smaller seders and donating those funds to this effort. Donations will eventually be made to the New York Board of Rabbis' *Ma'ot Hittim* Fund which serves the entire New York metropolitan area but may be channeled through my Discretionary Fund:

Online donations can be made [here](#) or on the website at [www.templeisraelcenter.org/secure/Donations](http://www.templeisraelcenter.org/secure/Donations). Please choose "Rabbi Tucker's Discretionary Fund" under "Select Giving Opportunity." The *Ma'ot Hittim* checkbox will then appear; please make sure to mark it.

OR

Mail checks payable to "Rabbi Tucker's Discretionary Fund" to Temple Israel Center, 280 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, NY 10605 with "*Ma'ot Hittim*" in the memo line.

### **Seder Resources**

The Haggadah is not meant to be a script that is followed word for word but rather an anthology of resources allowing each leader to create a ritual of learning, telling, questioning, and reciting tailored to the ages, stages, and personalities around the seder table.

- [Check out](#) this curated list of helpful guides, recommended haggadot, and my own personal list of 15 ways to enhance the seder ritual!
- [Listen](#) to gathering guru Priya Parker's podcast on creating a digital seder experience.
- "Seder Supplement 5781" which was sent as an Erev Shabbat message on March 19.

## **Holiday Times**

*Passwords can be found in TIC emails.*

### **Thursday, March 25 (Siyyum Bekhorim and Bedikat Hametz)**

7:30 am – Join us for minyan [in-person](#) or on [Zoom](#) followed by a *siyyum* (completion of learning ceremony) led by members of our congregation who have recently finished studying major sections of Jewish text. In the spirit of celebration which is shared by a whole community, first borns who attend are released from the traditional pre-Passover fast.

8:00 pm – Evening services [in-person](#) and via [Zoom](#)  
*Bedikat Hametz* (Searching for Hametz)

### **Friday, March 26 (Bi'ur Hametz)**

7:30 am – Morning minyan via [Zoom](#).

9:00 am – Latest time to make Rabbi Tucker your agent for selling *hametz*

11:44 am – Latest time to dispose of *hametz* (perform this ritual without reciting the blessing beforehand or reciting the nullification afterwards – this is recited on Saturday morning instead)

6:30 pm – Evening services [in-person](#) and via [Livestream](#)

### **Saturday, March 27 (Erev Passover)**

9:45 am – Shabbat services [in-person](#) and via [Livestream](#)

10:28 am – Latest time to eat *hametz*

11:44 am – Latest time to nullify *hametz* (with the accompanying recitation)

7:57 pm – First night candle-lighting (transferring from a pre-existing flame)

### **Sunday, March 28 (Passover I)**

9:45 am – Holiday services [in-person](#) and via [Livestream](#)

7:57 pm – Second night candle-lighting (transferring from a pre-existing flame)

### **Monday, March 29 (Passover II)**

9:45 am – Holiday services [in-person](#) and via [Livestream](#)

7:58 pm – Havdalah

8:00 pm – Evening services [in-person](#) and via [Zoom](#)

### **Tuesday, March 30–Thursday, April 1 (Hol HaMoed III-V)**

7:30 am – Morning services [in-person](#) and via [Zoom](#)

8:00 pm – Evening services [in-person](#) and via [Zoom](#)

### **Friday, April 2 (Hol Hamoed VI)**

7:30 am – Morning services [in-person](#) and via [Zoom](#)

6:30 pm – Evening services [in-person](#) and via [Livestream](#)

7:03 pm – Candle-lighting

### **Saturday, April 3 (Passover VII)**

9:45 am – Shabbat/holiday services [in-person](#) and via [Livestream](#) (Bar Mitzvah of Noah Ben-Avi)

8:05 pm – Candle-lighting and lighting of Yizkor candle (transferring from a pre-existing flame)

### **Sunday, April 4 (Passover VIII)**

9:45 am – Shabbat/holiday services [in-person](#) and via [Livestream](#) (Yizkor at approximately 11:00 am)

8:05 pm – Havdalah

8:15 pm – Evening services [in-person](#) and via [Zoom](#)

8:15 pm – Those who sold their *hametz* through TIC may now enjoy it!