



The First Seder is Saturday Night, April 12th.

How does Shabbat affect our observance?

When Passover starts on a Saturday night, the rituals of “Erev Pesach” are stretched over three days. The **fast of the firstborn**, which would normally be on Passover eve, is pushed two days earlier. Join us April 10th at 7:30 a.m. for the Siyyum to allow first borns to eat. **Thursday night** is when we search for hametz by flashlight. Kitchens should be completely switched over to Kosher for Passover and **much of the seder preparation needs to be complete by Friday.**

But what about challah on Shabbat? For Shabbat meals, there are two solutions: Eat hametz, but very carefully. The hametz sale document, and the way that we dispose of hametz, has a loophole for any hametz that we are planning to eat on the rest of Friday evening or Shabbat morning. We must **finish eating the hametz by the 10:40am.** Leftovers can be rendered inedible with a little soap and discarded. At that time, we recite the “Kol Chamira” formula that cancels any remaining hametz. The **preferred option** is eating egg matzah which is not technically considered matzah, but is also not hametz.

It will certainly feel hectic and rushed to prepare for the seder more than 24 hours before it begins, yet the Shabbat rest will allow us to sit down at the seder more refreshed.

Wishing you all a sweet, happy and healthy Pesach!