



Bedikat Chametz

How to search for chametz with your jkids

It is traditional to rid our homes of all leavened bread, or “chametz,” before Passover begins. You and your kids can take part in this fun ritual that’s like a hide and seek to find the chametz!

The search for chametz takes place on the evening before the day of the first seder. Traditionally, the burning of the chametz takes place the next morning.

Use your jkid Passover kit, or you can put together the items you need including:

- A candle
- A wooden spoon
- A feather
- A paper bag



How: Parents are going to “hide” 10 pieces of chametz for your kids to find. This could be pieces of bread, cereal, crackers, etc. Get your kids together and say the blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל בְּעוֹר חָמֶץ.

Baruch atah adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu al bi'ur chametz.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, sovereign of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded us to remove the chametz.

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The following blessings are written in the ancient language of Aramaic. This language is hard to read, so it may act as a tongue twister. You can try to read it, or simply use the English translation.

Light your candle and then turn out the lights while the kids search for the chametz. If you are not comfortable using a candle, you can use a flashlight instead. Each kid will use the feather to scoop the chametz into the wooden spoon and then dump it into the paper bag. Say this blessing:

כָּל-חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא דְאָפֵא בְרִשּׁוּתִי, דְּלֵא חֲמִיתָהּ וְדְלֵא בְעֶרְתָּהּ, וְדְלֵא יִדְעָנָא לֵהּ,
לְבָטִיל וְלִהְיוּ הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.

Kol hamira va-hami'a d'ika vir'shuti, d'la chamitei u-d'la vi'artei, u-d'la yedana lei, li-batl ve-le-hevei hefker k'afra d'ar'a

May all the chametz that I have not seen or removed become like the dust of the earth.

The next morning, very carefully burn the paper bag outdoors. Many families use a barbeque pit for added safety. Say this blessing:

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Kol hamira va-hami'a d'ika vir'shuti, dahamitay oodilah hamitay, dv'a'areetay oodilah ba'areeitay, leeuteel hefker k'afra d'ar'a

All leaven in my possession whether I have seen it or not, whether I have removed it or not, is hereby nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth.

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