

Bedikat Chametz: The Search for Chametz



Preparing for Passover can be a fun family activity. On the night before Passover we symbolically search our homes for any chametz. Ready for the challenge? Before you begin the search, hide 10 pieces of bread around the house. After you say the first blessing, turn off the lights and search for the hidden pieces using a candle (or flashlight). When you find a piece of bread, pick up the bread with the wooden spoon and sweep away any crumbs into the paper bag. After you find all 10 pieces (don't forget any!) finish the search with the second text. The next morning, say the final text and safely burn the paper bag with your chametz in it.

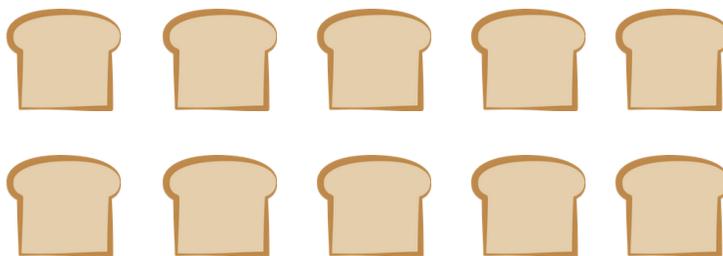
Before the search, recite:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם	<i>Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh haolam,</i>
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו	<i>asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav,</i>
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל בְּעוֹר חָמֵץ	<i>v'tzivanu al biur hameitz.</i>

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to remove all chametz.



**Place an X on each
piece of bread
to make sure you
find all 10 pieces**



After the search, recite:

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא דְאִכָּא בְּרִשְׁוֹתֵי	<i>Kol hamira v'hamia d'ika virshuti,</i>
דְּלֹא חֲמִיתֵיהּ וְדְלֹא בְּעִרְתֵיהּ וְדְלֹא יָדְעָנָא לֵיהּ	<i>d'la hamiteih udla viarteih udla y'dana leih,</i>
לְבָטֵל וְלֵהוּי הַפְּקָר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא	<i>libateil v'lehevei hefkeir k'afra d'ara.</i>

All chametz in my possession which I have not seen or removed, or of which I am unaware, is hereby nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth.

In the morning, recite:

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא דְאִכָּא בְּרִשְׁוֹתֵי	<i>Kol hamira vahamia d'ika virshuti</i>
דְּחִזַּתֵיהּ וְדְלֹא חֲזַתֵיהּ	<i>dahaziteih udla haziteih,</i>
דְּחֲמִיתֵיהּ וְדְלֹא חֲמִיתֵיהּ	<i>dahamiteih udla hamiteih,</i>
דְּבְעִרְתֵיהּ וְדְלֹא בְּעִרְתֵיהּ	<i>d'viarteih udla viarteih</i>
לְבָטֵל וְלֵהוּי הַפְּקָר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא	<i>libateil v'lehevei hefkeir k'afra d'ara.</i>

All chametz 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.