
Weeks of Feb 2th onward**Eight & Seven weeks before Pesach**

- Look through cookbooks and copy, scan or type your Pesach recipes into your computer
- Organize a Pesach Binder or folder on your computer – You could have sections for shopping lists, recipes, saved receipts, menus, sheilos, etc...
- Use your recipes to create a *potential menu* and a master shopping list.
- Take stock of your Pesach cookware and other items. If you need a new food processor or more pots to cook in, this is the time to buy those items, tovel them and store them away for Pesach.

Week of Feb 16th onward :**Six weeks before Pesach**

- Clean out ONE cabinet or a few shelves and wipe off a top freezer shelf if you can spare it. Cover these areas and make them Pesachdig. Now you have a place to store what you start to buy.
- Consolidate open boxes of cereal and crackers, packages of pasta – clean out the old and make way for the new.

Week of Feb 23rd onward:**Five Weeks before Pesach**

- Start stocking up on Pesach items and put them away in your newly cleaned out Pesach shelves. (You might want to vacuum out your trunk before shopping, or at least cover it with an old sheet or plastic tablecloth).

Some items you can buy well ahead of YT:

Grape juice	Paper plates	Dish detergent
Seltzer	Aluminum Foil	Foil Pans
(Pesachdig) Matzah meal	Toothbrushes	Shelf liner rolls
Dried fruit	Tissues	Oil, sugar, cocoa, etc
Candles/Yahrtzeit candles	Tea bags, coffee	Paper towels
Meat and Chicken	Plastic gloves	Cleaning supplies

- Buy everyone their new outfits or shoes or games or whatever new things your family gets for Pesach. (Don't forget to get something nice for yourself too!)
- Costco will have KLP meat 3-4 weeks before Pesach. Shalom's butcher will be Pesachdig about 3 weeks before YT. If you want your meats earlier, or want to save yourself the errand, you can order over the phone from Wasserman & Lemberger in Baltimore. They are KLP all year long (double check this when you call). They deliver to Silver Spring on Mondays – right to your door.

Week of March 2nd onward:**Four Weeks before Pesach**

- Double up your weeknight dinners and freeze them. You'll eat them the week before you turn over your kitchen when you're too busy to cook!
- Begin reading through Hagaddos and write down some thoughts you want to discuss at your seders. Read through a R'Blumenkranz or other Halachic Pesach guide to re-learn the laws of Pesach (a mitzvah upon us all) and to see if you have any questions that need to be answered before the holiday.
- Buy new activity books, stickers, markers, etc and other table activities to keep the children happily occupied while you're working. Save some new items for chol hamoed, too.

Week of March 9th onward:**Three Weeks before Pesach**

- Begin your major cleaning. Focus on: bedroom and living areas.
- Try to finish up your chametz snack foods and switch to kitnoyos snacks and cereals.
- If you want to start cooking ahead – put up some meals in your Pesach crock pot each day and start freezing them. (soup, ratatouille, meats and chicken with sauce, etc).
- Get your sheitel washed and put away for Yom Tov this week.
- Book a mother's helper. Boarders are generally more available than local girls. YGW boarders leave about a week before Pesach.

Week of March 16th onward :**Two Weeks before Pesach**

- Do the major cleaning: bookshelves, play areas, toys (put them all in the bathtub to clean them) closets, and cars as needed. (Don't reorganize all these places, just clean them!)
- Polish your silver
- Empty, wipe and re-line cabinets you'll need to use.
- Buy your counter covers if you need them.
- Clean your fridge.
- Finish your major food shopping (except for the perishables).

Week of March 23rd onward :**One Week before Pesach:**

- Finish last cleaning tasks (ex: dining room table and chairs.)
- Kasher your silver or any other things you'll use for Yom Tov
- Plan a date to turn over your kitchen and start cooking.
- Go for haircuts on Sunday the 29th or Monday the 30th
- Launder and put away everything you'll need for Pesach
- Remember to keep some double-wrapped chametz items for bedikas chometz.
- Once the cleaning is finished, don't forget to change and dispose of your vacuum cleaner bags.

Week of March 30th**Pesach is Friday night Apr 3rd:**

- Just leave small, last minute tasks to do on erev Pesach: prepare the seder foods, make salads, etc.
- Enjoy biur chametz with your family.
- Even better: get everyone dressed in their Pesach outfits and have a neighbor take a family photo.
- Schedule naps for everyone – the Seders won't start until pretty late.

Week of April 12th**After Pesach**

- Inventory nonperishables you will save for next year such as spices etc.
- Make a list of utensils you will need for next year
- Update quantities on shopping list
- Eliminate any recipes that flopped
- Save the above in your binder or computer
- Label boxes with pesach utensils well. Buy page size labels and sharpies
- Starting next month put away 100 dollars cash in an envelope for the coming pesach

A Few Resources:

- Listen to Rabbi Reingold's Pesach shiur "How NOT to clean on Pesach"
<http://www.yeshiva.edu/YESHIVAGEDOLAH/ShiriumOnline/tabid/161/Default.aspx>

This will give you a list of several of Rabbi Reingold's shiurim for women. Great to listen to while cleaning!

- Passover Cleaning Made Easy by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkovitz on Aish.com
<http://www.aish.com/h/pes/l/48970611.html>

Very instructive and practical.

- Hadassah Katzenstein runs a home organizing business (845) 608 7978
- Hagaddah coloring pages for kids. <http://www.aish.com/h/pes/f/aac/86323047.html>
- 10 Plagues coloring pages for kids. <http://www.aish.com/h/pes/f/aac/80887292.html>

Keep 'em busy and happy!!!