



B'ḥikas chametz

On the evening preceding the fourteenth day of the month of Nisan,* immediately after Maariv, the evening service, the head of every family is obligated to search all the apartments of his house for leaven/chametz, gathering all the chametz.

The searching for chametz was instituted in order to make sure that not even the smallest particle of chametz remains in the house during the holiday of Pesach.

It is customary to place ten pieces of bread around the house, and then the search is conducted by the light of a candle. The chametz is swept with a feather onto a wooden spoon and is burned the following morning. Before the search the following blessing is recited:

ברוך אתה ד' אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו
על ביעור חמץ:

*When Pesach begins on Saturday night, the search is made on the preceding Thursday eve, and the chametz is burned before noon on Friday. "כל חמירא" is recited on Shabbos morning.

בדיקת חמץ



After the search, all the chametz of the house is gathered into one place (to be burned in the morning) and the following is said:

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא דְאִיכָא בְרִשׁוּתֵי דְלָא חֲמַתִּיהּ וְדָלָא בְעֵרְתִּיהּ
וְדָלָא יִדְעָנָא לִיהּ לְבָטֵל וְלִהְיֵי הַפְקָר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא:

May all leaven which is in my possession; which I have not observed, removed or had cognizance of, be regarded as null and be ownerless property, as the dust of the earth.

On the 14th day of Nisan, Erev Pesach, right after the chametz has been burned, the following is said:

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חֲמַתִּיהּ, דְבְעֵרְתִּיהּ וְדָלָא בְעֵרְתִּיהּ, לְבָטֵל וְלִהְיֵי הַפְקָר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא:

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