

THE MODERN KITCHEN

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

LIBUN GAMUR - Burning
HAGALAH - Boiling
IRUY KLI RISHON - Poured Boiling Water
EVEN MELUBENET - Heated Stone

See pages 60-61 for details on these processes.

1 REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, FOOD SHELVES & PANTRIES CLEAN & COVER

These areas should be thoroughly cleaned, paying special attention to the edges where crumbs may get trapped. The surfaces should be lined with paper or plastic.

Note: Refrigerators and freezers will operate more efficiently if holes are poked in the lining to allow air flow.

2 DISHWASHERS HAGALAH

(boiling in water) *Kashering* of dishwashers is a complicated process and should only be done in consultation with a halachic authority.



7 SELF-CLEANING OVENS

LIBUN (burning) Remove any visible food. Complete self-cleaning cycle with racks in place.

NON-SELF-CLEANING OVEN

LIBUN (burning) Clean all surfaces (walls, floor, doors and racks) thoroughly with a caustic cleanser (e.g. Easy Off). Pay special attention to thermostat, oven window, and edges of the oven chamber. Black discoloration that is flush with the metal need not be removed. Oven should not be used for 24 hours. Place racks in the oven and turn the oven to broil (highest heat) for 60 minutes. A broiler pan that comes in direct contact with food should not be used.

Note: The method of *kashering* described above is based on the ruling of Rav Aharon Kotler zt'l. However, Rav Moshe Feinstein zt'l ruled that the oven must either be *kashered* with a blow torch, or an insert should be placed in the oven. Consult your rabbi for guidance.

8 WARMING DRAWERS LIBUN (burning)

Typically warming drawers do not get to libun kal temperature. Therefore, unless one is experienced in *kashering* with a torch, warming drawers are not recommended for use on Pesach.

9 MICROWAVES

HAGALAH (boiling in water) (for those who *kasher* plastic) The microwave must be cleaned well and not used for 24 hours. Glass turntable should be removed and replaced with new kosher-for-Passover surface. A styrofoam cup should be filled with water and boiled in the microwave for 10 minutes. The cup should be refilled and moved to another spot and the process repeated for 10 more minutes. Cardboard or contact paper should be taped over the glass window pane for the duration of Pesach.

10 METAL TEA KETTLE HAGALAH

(boiling in water) The same treatment for pots applies here. Although it is uncommon for anything but water to be put into a tea kettle, nevertheless it must be *kashered*. Tea kettles often sit on the stove, and it is common for them to get sprayed with hot food.

11 ELECTRIC MIXER NOT RECOMMENDED

Because of the difficulty in cleaning out the housing of the mixer from fine particles of flour, one should not use their year-round mixer on Pesach. The mixer blades, though, can be cleaned and *kashered* with *hagalah*.

3 STAINLESS STEEL SINK

IRUY (pouring boiling water)

Remove drain. [It is recommended that the drain be replaced. If this is difficult, it may be used if the drain has large holes that can be completely scrubbed clean]. It is preferable to *kasher* a sink by pouring boiling water in conjunction with an **even melubenet** (a heated stone). In lieu of *kashering* with a heated stone, some will place a rack on the bottom of the sink, or use a sink insert.

CERAMIC SINK CANNOT BE KASHERED AND MUST BE COVERED

The sink should not be used with hot water for 24 hours. The sink should be completely clean and dry. The sink should be covered with layers of contact paper or foil; it is best to purchase a sink insert.

4 THE SINK FAUCET (including instant hot)

IRUY (pouring boiling water) Detach any filters or nozzles.

5 STAINLESS STEEL, GRANITE, COMPOSITE STONE (E.G. QUARTZ) OR FORMICA COUNTERTOPS

IRUY (pouring boiling water) OR COVERING It is preferable to *kasher* a countertop by pouring boiling water in conjunction with an **even melubenet**. There are different opinions as to whether formica (or plastic) countertops can be *kashered* for Pesach.

**CERAMIC TILE COUNTERTOPS
CANNOT BE KASHERED & MUST BE COVERED**
The counter should be covered with a water-resistant covering.

6 GAS STOVETOP

LIBUN (burning) & COVER The stovetop surface and grates should be cleaned well and not used for 24 hours.

The stovetop surface should be covered with foil. The stovetop grates can be replaced or they should be burned out in the oven @ 550° F for one hour.

ELECTRIC STOVETOP

LIBUN (burning) & COVER The stovetop surface should be cleaned well and covered with foil. The burners should be turned on until they glow red.

GLASS STOVETOP

CANNOT BE KASHERED & MUST BE COVERED*
The stovetop surface should be cleaned well and not used for 24 hours.

During Pesach, pots should not be placed directly on the stove surface, but rather an aluminum (or other metal) disk should be placed directly under the pot.

*The entire glass top surface should not be covered as this might cause it to overheat and crack.



12 SILVERWARE, POTS & OTHER SMALL ITEMS

HAGALAH (boiling in water)

Rollled lips, seams or cracks that cannot be cleaned will require torching of those areas. Utensils should be immersed one at a time into a pot of boiling water that is on the fire. Water should be allowed to return to a boil before the next item is placed in the pot. The pot can be non-Passover, provided it is clean, has not been used for 24 hours, and water is first boiled in the pot and discarded. Larger items can be submerged in the water one part at a time. Utensils should then be rinsed in cold water.

13 KEURIG COFFEE MAKER

HAGALAH OR IRUY (pouring boiling water) (for those who *kasher* plastic) The coffee maker must be cleaned well and not used for 24 hours. Remove K-cup holder and perform *hagalah* or *iruy* on K-cup holder. Run a Kosher-for-Passover K-cup in the machine (this will *kasher* the top pin).

14 HOT WATER URN, WATER COOLER

IRUY (pouring boiling water)

Urn only used for heating water: Run hot water through the water tap for 10 seconds, while pouring boiling water from a kettle over the water tap.

Urn also used to warm food (e.g. to warm challah): Not recommended. Must be put away for the holiday.

Water Cooler In addition to pouring boiling water over tap, replace water bottle.

15 BABY HIGH CHAIR COVERED

The tray should be covered with contact paper. The seat, legs and bars should be wiped down with a soapy rag.

16 TABLECLOTHS, KITCHEN GLOVES, APRONS & OTHER FABRIC ITEMS

WASH Fabric items can be *kashered* by washing them with detergent in a washing machine set on "hot." Items should be checked to make sure no pieces of food remain attached.

17 TABLES

COVERED Although wooden tables can be *kashered*, the common custom is to clean tables well and then cover them.