

SAFETY TIPS FOR THE PESACH SEASON

- When cleaning for Pesach, take care when using chemical cleaning agents. Avoid direct contact with skin or eyes, and ensure they are kept out of reach of children. If contact does occur, wash immediately with cold running water.
- Never allow children near boiling water. Use appropriate protective clothing (eg. heatproof gloves, apron) when *kashering*. Always pour boiling water away from yourself.
- *Bedikat Chametz*: When searching for *Chametz*, keep the candle away from any flammable objects such as curtains, furniture, clothing etc.
- *Burning Chametz*: Don't make a large bonfire to burn your *Chametz*. A small flame in a restricted area such as a hole in the ground should suffice. Ensure you are not close to buildings, fences, trees, or other flammable objects. Do not use flame accelerants such as Methylated Spirits, Kerosene, or Petrol as they could explode or cause the fire to burn out of control.
- With extra activity and excitement in the kitchen, ensure that extra caution is taken, particularly with knives and sharp objects, as well as with ovens, stoves and other hot objects. Use common sense regarding what jobs you ask your children to do in the kitchen.
- Shabbos and Yom Tov candles should be placed away from any flammable objects (eg. tablecloths). When lighting candles and reciting the blessing over them, women should ensure that any clothing (particularly sleeves) and long hair is kept well clear of the flames.
- *Yahrtzeit* candles should always be placed on a plate or saucer and never directly onto a wooden surface.
- Cottonseed Oil has the potential to spontaneously conflagrate when stored incorrectly. If storing it, ensure that the bottle is wiped clean of any oil residue.

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In memory of Haim & Betty Gordon

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