PASSOVER: KASHERING

Passover: Dishes and Pots

See Passover: Special Pots.

For more details on *kashering* for *Passover* from the Star-K, click here.

NOTE On *Passover*, gender and *chametz* status DO get transferred through a stream of hot liquid back into the pouring container.

Passover: When To Finish Kashering

When *kashering* an oven or utensils for *Passover*, you may *kasher*:

• By Libun

Anytime, including on *chol ha'moed* (but not on *Jewish festivals* or *Shabbat*).

• By Hag'ala

Until one hour before <u>halachic midday</u> on Passover eve (but <u>b'di'avad</u> it is OK until just before sunset of Passover eve).

Passover: Kashering Pots and Utensils To Change from Milk to Meat (or vice versa)

You may make certain utensils *kosher* for *Passover* if they were *chametz* or non-*kosher*. For a list of materials that can be *kashered*, see the sections entitled "Items/Materials that Can Be Kashered" and "Items/Materials that Cannot Be Kashered" here: Introduction to Food Nullification: Utensils (Kashering)

NOTE You may not change utensils that are already *kosher* directly from *milk* to meat or meat to *milk*. Rather, you must:

- First make the utensil non-kosher (or chametz), and then
- Kasher it.

Once *kashered*, the utensil will usually be neutral/*pareve* as far as gender and you may choose to make it *dairy* or meat.

Passover: Kashering an Oven

To kasher an oven for Passover:

- Clean it completely, including any hard deposits, and
- Heat the oven for 40 minutes at its highest temperature.

Passover: Kashering an Oven: Cleaning

To determine whether an oven is clean: If there are black or brown spots, scratch them:

- If the substance crumbles, the spots are OK.
- If the spots do not crumble, consider the oven NOT clean.
- NOTE If you use the oven's self-clean cycle, you do not need to remove the hard deposits from the oven before *kashering*.

If the oven is not self-cleaning, you must remove (clean off or burn off) any deposits on the walls, racks, and window. If the stains or deposits do not come off after two cycles of using a strong oven cleaner such as Easy Off, the oven is considered sufficiently clean. Weaker oven cleaners that do

not remove deposits may not be relied on.

Passover: Kashering an Oven: Temperature

The order of preference for the heat settings is

- Self-cleaning (if possible) on the self-cleaning cycle.
- Next choice is broil or the highest heat setting.

For more details on kashering for Passover, see

kashrus/kk-passover-kashering.htm">http://www.star-k.org/kashrus/kk-passover-kashering.htm

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