

HALACHIC TIMES FOR PASSOVER

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	SUNRISE— BIRKAT HACHAMMAH ★	LATEST TIME FOR EATING CHAMETZ		LATEST TIME FOR ANNULING CHAMETZ		CANDLE LIGHTING FIRST NIGHT YOM TOV
		Mogen Avrohom	Gra	Mogen Avrohom	Gra	
Atlanta	7:16	11:07	11:31	12:23	12:35	7:45
Baltimore	6:41	10:35	10:59	11:52	12:04	7:19
Boston	6:15	10:11	10:35	11:29	11:41	7:00
Chicago	6:22	10:18	10:42	11:35	11:47	7:06
Cincinnati	7:12	11:06	11:30	12:23	12:35	7:50
Cleveland	6:58	10:54	11:18	12:11	12:23	7:41
Columbus	7:05	10:59	11:23	12:16	12:28	7:45
Dallas	7:06	10:57	11:21	12:13	12:25	7:34
Denver	6:33	10:28	10:52	11:45	11:57	7:13
Halifax	6:43	10:41	11:05	11:58	12:10	7:32
Hartford	6:22	10:18	10:42	11:35	11:47	7:06
Houston	7:04	10:52	11:16	12:08	12:20	7:26
Los Angeles	6:32	10:23	10:47	11:39	11:51	7:01
Memphis	6:37	10:29	10:53	11:45	11:57	7:08
Miami Beach	7:05	10:52	11:16	12:07	12:19	7:22
Milwaukee	6:22	10:19	10:43	11:36	11:48	7:08
Minneapolis	6:41	10:39	11:03	11:57	12:09	7:31
Montreal	6:22	10:21	10:45	11:39	11:51	7:14
New York	6:29	10:24	10:48	11:41	11:53	7:10
Oak Park	7:03	11:00	11:24	12:17	12:29	7:48
Orlando	7:08	10:56	11:20	12:12	12:24	7:29
Philadelphia	6:34	10:28	10:52	11:45	11:57	7:13
Phoenix	6:07	9:58	10:22	11:14	11:26	6:36
Pittsburgh	6:53	10:48	11:12	12:05	12:17	7:33
Providence	6:17	10:13	10:37	11:30	11:42	7:00
San Francisco	6:45	10:38	11:02	11:55	12:07	7:21
Seattle	6:34	10:34	10:58	11:53	12:05	7:31
Silver Spring	6:42	10:36	11:00	11:53	12:05	7:20
St. Louis	6:35	10:29	10:53	11:46	11:58	7:13
Toronto	6:48	10:45	11:09	12:02	12:14	7:35
Vancouver	6:35	10:37	11:01	11:56	12:08	7:36
Winnipeg	6:51	10:53	11:17	12:12	12:24	7:53

How To Read This Chart

Where two sets of times are listed, the first column is based on the opinion of Magen Avraham, and the second on that of the Vilna Gaon. If your city is not listed here, be sure to consult your local Orthodox Rabbi for the times in your area.

★ **BIRKAT HACHAMMAH** (the blessing over the sun) is said every 28 years, which is the amount of time it takes for the sun to return to the same location in the heavens where it was first set during the Creation, 5768 years ago. In a very rare occurrence, the completion this year of the 207th 28 year cycle coincides with *Erev Pesach*. To mark this occasion, we recite the blessing *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* (. . . Who performs the work of Creation) upon seeing the sun on Wednesday morning, April 8.

- The ideal time to recite the blessing is upon witnessing sunrise.
- The blessing can be said until the end of the third halachic hour of the day (which is the same as the last time for eating *chametz*. According to some opinions, it may be recited until midday.
- The blessing may be said even if only the outline of the sun is visible through the clouds.
- It is preferable to recite the blessing in the presence of a *minyán*.