

# Planning for PESACH



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**The upcoming Yom Tov of Pesach** brings with it great joy and heavy expenses. To enable us all to come into Yom Tov calm and serene, we present another booklet from Mesila's Family Division, geared at making "Seder" — order — for Pesach. Experience shows that families who come to Pesach prepared, with a clearly defined, preplanned budget, are able to more perfectly fulfill the mitzvah of "V'samachta b'chagecha, rejoice on your Yom Tov."

The material included here should be regarded as guidelines and recommendations only. At Mesila, we believe that every family has its own order of priorities and the ability to make intelligent decisions about how to spend their money.

***Wishing you a kosher and genuinely happy Pesach and much success,***  
**Family Division**

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. The budget is comprised of income, expenses, and order of priorities.
2. In chart no. 1, fill in the relevant sources of income for the upcoming Yom Tov. Distinguish between income earmarked for running expenses and income intended for Yom Tov. For example, if you are earmarking x 1000 from the Adar/March salary for Yom Tov expenses, write "x 1000" in the income chart.
3. In chart no. 2, record the amount earmarked for each expense. Then, in the rightmost columns, rank the expense in the order of priorities. If you end up having additional income, the expenses can be expanded to also include "possible" and "luxuries." Each expense may be broken down into several levels. For ex.: Children's clothing — x400 necessary, x300 possible, x100 luxuries, and so on.
4. At the end of chart no. 2, tally total expenses vs. total income. If the income is not sufficient, seek out additional income before Pesach or in the months immediately after Pesach. Remember! Loans should be repaid only from available income!
5. "Doubtful" income that may possibly come in at the last minute should be earmarked from the start for less necessary expenses. If they indeed arrive, we'll use them happily.
6. In section 3, mark down what you're planning to buy, how many, and the estimated cost. Use the list as a base and adjust it to reflect your personal Pesach buying habits.
7. After Yom Tov, write down your conclusions for next Pesach in section 4, using charts no. 3 and 4.

## SECTION 1: INCOME

**CHART NO. 1**

Source of income	Target date	Estimated amount (anticipated)	Date it actually came in	Actual final amount	Comments
Savings account					
Husband/wife's salary					
Yom Tov grant					
Tax rebate					
Clothing bonus					
Food packages					
Funds					

**TOTAL INCOME**

# SECTION 2: EXPENSES AND ORDER OF PRIORITIES

CHART NO. 2

	Subject	Details	Estimated cost	Order of priorities			Actual cost
				Necessity	Possible	Luxuries	
EREV PESACH	Kimcha D'pisha						
	Cleaning products						
	Cleaning help						
	New furniture						
	Mechiras chametz						
	Hagalas keilim						
	Food for Erev Pesach						
	Travel to parents/ family						
	New kitchen utensils						
	Dry cleaning						
	Pesach makeup						
ALIYAH LAREGEL	Korban Pesach						
	Korban Chagigah						
	Olas re'iyah						
	Shalmei Simcha						
	Travel to Yerushalayim						
FOOD	Matzos / wine						
	Meat/ fish						
	Grocery products						
	Dairy products						
	Fruits and vegetables						
	Disposables						
CLOTHING AND SHOES	Husband's clothing						
	Wife's clothing/shoes						
	Boys' clothing/shoes						
	Girls' clothing/shoes						
	Summer clothing						
EXPENSES ON YOM TOV	Games for kids						
	Chol Hamoed/Isru Chag trips						
	Afikomen/assorted gifts						
	Hosting friends/ family						
	Car rental/ tolls						
OTHER	Food for after Pesach						

TOTAL EXPENSES




TOTAL INCOME (sum of chart 1)



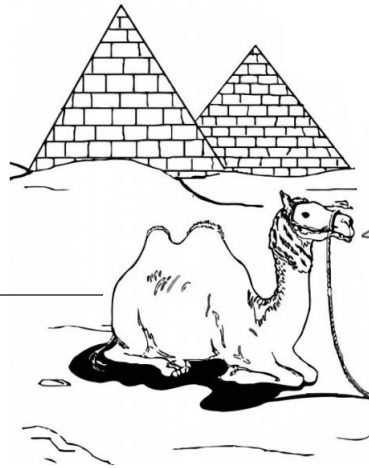

TOTAL EXPENSES (sum of chart 2)




DIFFERENTIAL (+ / -)

# SECTION 3: DRAWING CONCLUSIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Summary of Pesach (year) \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of people: Children \_\_\_\_\_ Babies \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of meals prepared for Shabbos and Yom Tov \_\_\_\_\_  
 Light meals for Chol Hamoed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guests \_\_\_\_\_ House was ready for Pesach on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 We were hosted for \_\_\_\_\_ meals  
 We traveled to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First day of Pesach was on (day of the week) \_\_\_\_\_



How much did we really use? How much do we need to buy for next year?  
**On Motzei Pesach, plan ahead!**

**Remember for next year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chart no. 3:**  
**Products saved for next year**

Product remaining	Amount

**Chart no. 4: Unused amounts left from Pesach Purchase in Pesach box\***

Product remaining	Amount

\* **Examples of products that may be saved for next Pesach:** Aluminum foil, saran wrap, napkins, baking paper, scouring pads (four left from package of six), paper towels, cleaning products, dishwashing soap, toothpaste and brushes, baby bottle (every year you buy a new one for Pesach, since it can't be kashered), extra disposables, and more. Some even save food products in closed packages (note expiration dates and store properly), such as: baking powder, vanilla, shredded coconut, walnut oil, cocoa, coffee, spices. These products may amount to as much as x 600, which can be diverted to more important purchases.

**Additional shopping to be done for next Pesach:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Shopping List and Amounts

## FOOD ITEMS

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Hand matzos        | <input type="checkbox"/> — Dates            | <input type="checkbox"/> — Paprika      | <input type="checkbox"/> — Lemon juice  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Machine matzos     | <input type="checkbox"/> — Almonds/walnuts  | <input type="checkbox"/> — Black pepper | <input type="checkbox"/> — Nosh   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Matzah meal        | <input type="checkbox"/> — Ground nuts      | <input type="checkbox"/> — Sugar        | <input type="checkbox"/> — Cookies  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Walnut/coconut oil | <input type="checkbox"/> — Honey            | <input type="checkbox"/> — Baking soda  | <input type="checkbox"/> — Tomato sauce   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Olive oil          | <input type="checkbox"/> — Tuna fish        | <input type="checkbox"/> — Tea          | <input type="checkbox"/> — Other canned goods                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Grape juice        | <input type="checkbox"/> — Potato starch    | <input type="checkbox"/> — Cocoa        | <input type="checkbox"/> — <i>Bedikas chametz</i> set                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Wine               | <input type="checkbox"/> — Baking powder    | <input type="checkbox"/> — Coffee       | <input type="checkbox"/> — Rice and legumes<br>(for eaters of <i>kitniyos</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Baking chocolate   | <input type="checkbox"/> — Vanilla sugar    | <input type="checkbox"/> — Eggs         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Swiss chocolate    | <input type="checkbox"/> — Salt             | <input type="checkbox"/> — Soft drinks  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Jam                | <input type="checkbox"/> — Shredded coconut | <input type="checkbox"/> — Club soda    |   |

Estimated cost

Actual cost

## CLEANING PRODUCTS AND DISPOSABLES

- |   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Bleach           | <input type="checkbox"/> — Aluminum foil     | <input type="checkbox"/> — Disposable teaspoons | <input type="checkbox"/> — Cotton ear swabs        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Floor cleaner    | <input type="checkbox"/> — Saran wrap        | <input type="checkbox"/> — Disposable forks     | <input type="checkbox"/> — Shampoo                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Dishwashing soap | <input type="checkbox"/> — Parchment paper   | <input type="checkbox"/> — Plastic tablecloths  | <input type="checkbox"/> — Conditioner             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Scouring pads    | <input type="checkbox"/> — Latex gloves      | <input type="checkbox"/> — Napkins              | <input type="checkbox"/> — Bar/liquid soap         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Scotch-brite     | <input type="checkbox"/> — Disposable cups   | <input type="checkbox"/> — Tissues              | <input type="checkbox"/> — Trash bags              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Steel wool       | <input type="checkbox"/> — Disposable plates | <input type="checkbox"/> — Paper towels         | <input type="checkbox"/> — Freezer bags            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Candles          | <input type="checkbox"/> — Disposable bowls  | <input type="checkbox"/> — Laundry detergent    | <input type="checkbox"/> — Sandwich bags           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Havdalah candle  | <input type="checkbox"/> — Foil pans         | <input type="checkbox"/> — Fabric softener      | <input type="checkbox"/> — Zip-lock bags           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Yartzeit candles | <input type="checkbox"/> — Disposable knives | <input type="checkbox"/> — Toothpaste           | <input type="checkbox"/> — Plastic food containers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Matches          | <input type="checkbox"/> — Disposable spoons | <input type="checkbox"/> — Toothpicks/floss     |  |

Estimated cost

Actual cost

## DAIRY PRODUCTS

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Whole                        | <input type="checkbox"/> — Butter              | <input type="checkbox"/> — American cheese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — low-fat milk                 | <input type="checkbox"/> — Leben               | <input type="checkbox"/> — Sour cream      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Whole/low-fat cottage cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> — Yogurt: Plain/fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> — Cream cheese    |

Estimated cost

Actual cost

## MEAT/CHICKEN/FISH

- |  |   |   |                                  |
|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Salmon                | <input type="checkbox"/> — Chicken tops         | <input type="checkbox"/> — Ground chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> — Meat  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Other fish            | <input type="checkbox"/> — Chicken bottoms      | <input type="checkbox"/> — Ground turkey  | <input type="checkbox"/> — Liver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Gefilte fish roll/jar | <input type="checkbox"/> — Wings/bones for soup | <input type="checkbox"/> — Ground beef    | <input type="checkbox"/> —       |

Estimated cost

Actual cost

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

- |   |  |                                    |   |
|---|--|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Potatoes       | <input type="checkbox"/> — Eggplants     | <input type="checkbox"/> — Beets   | <input type="checkbox"/> — Pears        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Onions         | <input type="checkbox"/> — Cucumbers     | <input type="checkbox"/> — Celery  | <input type="checkbox"/> — Oranges      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Carrots        | <input type="checkbox"/> — Tomatoes      | <input type="checkbox"/> — Lettuce | <input type="checkbox"/> — Bananas      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Sweet potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> — Red peppers   | <input type="checkbox"/> — Parsley | <input type="checkbox"/> — Melon        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Fresh garlic   | <input type="checkbox"/> — Green peppers | <input type="checkbox"/> — Dill    | <input type="checkbox"/> — Strawberries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> — Zucchini       | <input type="checkbox"/> — Avocados      | <input type="checkbox"/> — Apples  |   |

Estimated cost

Actual cost

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