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Dear All,

Attached please find:

1. General Pesach Guidelines. Changes and additions have been made, **please read it carefully**. Any questions should please be addressed to rabbi@eayc.org, via WhatsApp or best via the RZHL@EAYC WhatsApp group..
2. Sale of Chometz Form. This is best done by signing in person the Shtar allowing Rabbi Lieberman to arrange for the sale of your Chametz. Rabbi Lieberman will be available in his Shul office:
 - **From Sunday morning 22nd March** - Immediately after Shacharis and Mincha/Maariv
 - **Motzai Shabbos 28th March** from 21.30-23.00
 - **Sunday morning 29th March** from 10.00-13.00
 - **Sunday and Monday evenings 29th and 30th March** 20.00-21.30
3. You can book an individual time to meet with Rabbi Lieberman for the sale [by clicking here](#).
4. You can complete the form on line [by clicking here](#). If you choose the online option, it is still important if at all possible to come around at one of times above to make a kinyan in person.
5. What to do when travelling before Pesach
6. Pesach Checklist

This information can also be accessed at www.eayc.org/pesach

I encourage all to participate generously in the EAYC Maos Chitin appeal. This provides food and money directly to members of our community and to Edgware families in need through the Pesach Project and directly.

Funds can be donated online



Via EAYC at www.eayc.org/KDP



Or via CharityExtra/Chai Institute [here](#).

The Rama (O.C. 429) tells us, "It is customary to purchase grain and distribute it to the needy for their Pesach needs." Today we accomplish this by providing food directly to families through the Pesach Project, in addition to money distributed for the Yom Tov.

The Rambam writes (Hilchos Yom Tov 6,18), "when you eat and drink, you are also obligated to feed those less fortunate i.e. the stranger, orphan, widow, and poor. Someone who locks his door and eats and drinks only with their family, neglecting the poor and those of bitter fortune, does not experience Simcha shel Mitzvah but rather pleasure for their belly!"

The Achronim explain that the obligation of Maos Chitin stems not only from the mitzvah of tzedaka but is also part and parcel of our fulfilment of the mitzvah of "Simchas Yom Tov" – being joyful through Yom Tov. Therefore the halachos of Maos Chitin are placed in the laws of Pesach and Yom Tov rather than the laws of Tzedaka. There is also a practical halachic implication that the obligation of Maos Chitin is also a mitzvah of Simchas Yom Tov. The mitzvah of tzedaka is only an obligation when one has enough for their own livelihood. However, to fulfil the mitzvah of Simchas Yom Tov you must even borrow money to fulfil the obligation of Simcha. Therefore, even someone who doesn't have enough income for Pesach must borrow money to give something towards Maos Chitin, as the parameter of this mitzvah transcends standard tzedaka and relates to the mitzvah of Simchas Yom Tov.

Our community can be proud of our generosity and our care for those in need at these times. May we bez"V merit to continue to do so and continue to be amongst the givers and not need to be amongst the takers. While we all may find the times challenging and difficult, those without any funds find it especially so.

Cheques and vouchers should be made to the EAYC and can be given to myself, the Shul Treasurers or the Shul Office Manager. Please mark it "Pesach Project" or "Maos Chitin".

I take this opportunity to once again publicly acknowledge and thank Samantha and Philippe and Michele and Paul Herszaft and their children and families for once again undertaking the holy and great work of food distribution for the Pesach Project.

Wishing you and your families a Chag HaPesach Kosher V'Sameach,

Rabbi Zvi Hirsh Lieberman