

Hayom Yom: 14 Nissan, The Day Preceding Pesach

בְּדִיקַת חֶמֶץ אַחַר תְּפִלַּת עֶרְבִית.

The search for chametz¹ takes place after the Evening Service.²

בְּבֵית רַבְּנוֹ נוֹהֲגִים שְׁלֵא לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הָרֵב לְמִוְרָשָׁה, אֶלֶּא לְמַכּוֹר לוֹ אֶת הַחֶמֶץ וּבְעֶרֶב קִבְּלוּן.

בְּאֶפֶיֶת הַשְּׁמוּרָה עָרַב פְּסַח אַחַר חֲצוֹת, הָיָה אֲמוּ"ר נוֹכַח, וְאוֹמֵר גַּם כֵּן הַלֵּל, וְהָיָה מְפָסִיק – גַּם בְּאֶמְצַע פְּרָק – לְהוֹרוֹת בְּהִנּוּגַע לְהַלִּישָׁה, אֶפֶיֶה וְכֵהֲאִי גִּוְנָא.

In the household of the Rebbe, it was customary not to appoint the rav as an agent to sell the chametz, but rather to sell him the chametz, [confirming the transaction even in such a case by] a fully-responsible guarantor.³

My revered father, the Rebbe [Rashab], used to be present when the shemurah-matzah⁴ was baked after midday on the eve of Pesach. He would join in the Hallel [that is customarily recited at that time],⁵ but would interrupt his recitation – even in the midst of a chapter – to give directions regarding the kneading, the baking, and the like.
