Separating the Challa Portion

Separating *Challa* from more than 5 lbs. of Dough

After you knead more than 5 lbs. (2.3 kg) of flour at one time:

- Hold part of the dough (at least 1 fl. oz.) while it is still part of the main mass of dough;
- Say the blessing *lehafrish challa min ha'isa*;
- Separate a small amount (1 fl. oz. is sufficient) of the dough as *challa*; and
- Say *harei zu challa*.

Separating *Challa* from between 2.5 and 5 lbs. of Dough

SITUATION You prepare dough, in a single batch, from more than 2.5 lbs. (1 kg), but less than 5 lbs. (2.3 kg), of flour.

WHAT TO DO Separate a small amount (1 fl. oz. is sufficient) of the dough as "*challa*." Don't say the blessing; just say *harei zu challa*.

NOTE If you mix at least 2.5 lbs. (1 kg) of dough, you must separate *challa* (without a blessing) even if you will not be baking some of the dough until another time.

Separating *Challa* from less than 2.5 lbs. of Dough

Don't separate *challa* if the dough was prepared from less than 2.5 lbs. (1 kg) of flour.

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