

SALE OF CHAMETZ (*Mechirat Chametz*)

The disposal of leaven (chametz) before the start of the Passover holiday traditionally requires not only the removal or storing of all chametz, but also its dispossession. Traditional Jewish law states that we are not even allowed to own any chametz during the entire Passover holiday. Therefore, to enable us to fulfill these traditional requirements, Jewish law provides for a technical procedure whereby we can sell all chametz in our possession for the duration of the holiday. This is known as "*mechirat chametz*" ("sale of chametz"). If you wish to take part in this tradition, please complete the form below and submit it so that it is received by **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**. (Note: The early deadline is because Rabbi David will be on vacation the week immediately preceding the start of Passover.)

It is traditional to make a special tzedakah donation called "*ma'ot chittim*" ("wheat money") when selling one's chametz. Therefore, please consider making a donation to [MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER](https://www.mazon.org) when submitting the authorization form below. You can do so by visiting their website www.mazon.org or by enclosing a check to "Mazon" which Temple Israel can forward to that organization on your behalf. Also, you may wish to donate some or all of your unopened, non-perishable chametz items to the CHUM Food Shelf by placing these items in the shopping cart located on the lower level of the Temple (but no later than two days before the start of Passover please.)

----- PLEASE CLIP AND SUBMIT THE FORM BELOW -----

2023/5783 AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

שטר הרשאת מכירת חמץ

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi David Steinberg to act in my behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined in Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein chametz owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Passover, which this year begins with sundown of Wednesday, April 5, 2023 and runs through sundown of Wednesday evening, April 12, 2023 (for those who observe seven days of Passover*) or through sundown of Thursday evening, April 13, 2023 (for those who observe eight days of Passover*).

Signature(s): _____

Printed name(s): _____

Address(es) to which this authorization applies:

I (we) observe Passover for (check one of the following): seven days eight days

** In the Torah, Passover is a seven day holiday. According to rabbinic law (halachah), Jews in Israel observe 7 days and Jews outside of Israel observe 8 days. However, the Reform and Reconstructionist movements officially observe 7 days outside of Israel as well as in Israel.*

Please return by Tuesday, March 28, 2023 to
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