

HOUSEHOLD PREPARATIONS

M'CHIRAT HAMETZ – Selling the Hametz

Since we may not possess any leavened food from the morning prior to the first Seder through the entire Pesach holiday, we must give up ownership of this food.

Because it is impossible to destroy all of the hametz in one's possession, rabbinic authorities used a legal fiction embodying a special sale called m'chirat hametz which is arranged through a rabbi. Since the hametz is sold to a non-Jew, it does not belong to a Jew during Passover. All material to be sold is isolated from the food and utensils used on Passover.

The procedure may be arranged by filling out the form below and sending it to the synagogue at any time before or during the week preceding Passover, but not later than Friday morning, March 26.

Authorization for the sale of Hametz

I do hereby authorize and designate Rabbi Wohlberg as my agent to act on my behalf to sell and to transfer by transactions all hametz (as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law) of whatever kind and wherever situated at my residence/business at:

All of the aforesaid Hametz will be sold in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law and also in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is intended as a binding legal transaction.

I (We) further state that the Hametz covered by this agreement will be stored away at the above address and not used for my personal benefit during the period commencing no later than 10:50 am on the morning of Monday, March 29, 2010, and concluding no earlier than 8:11 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Signed _____ and dated _____, 2010.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.