

MECHIRAT HAMETZ - THE SELLING OF HAMETZ

On Passover we are obligated not only to refrain from eating *hametz* but also from having *hametz* in our possession. Accordingly, it our practice to appoint the Rabbi as our agent to "sell" non-Passover products stored in our homes or elsewhere to a non-Jew for the eight days of Pesach. Of course, the products will not be removed from your home. But by absolving yourself from ownership of these *hametzdik* foodstuffs, you fulfill an important *mitzvah* of Pesach.

This year, *hametz* may be sold on Sunday mornings following 9:00 minyan on March 21st and March 28th, or by returning the form below to the Temple office no later than 9:30am on Monday, March 29th. This is a good opportunity to consider the needs of the hungry in our own community and throughout the world.

Although there is no requirement to make a contribution at the time of selling one's *hametz*, Rabbi Perkins will distribute all funds received, forwarding half to MAZON, the national Jewish organization devoted to feeding the hungry, and half to YAD CHESED, a local Jewish charity that helps the very needy in the Greater Boston area and in Israel.

I/We authorize Rabbi Carl M. Perkins to sell all hametz in our possession by 9:30am on Monday, March 29th, 2010, and to buy it back in my/our name on Tuesday evening, April 6th.

Signature: _____

Home Address: _____

Address of any other location where *hametz* I own is customarily stored (office/vacation home, etc.)

If you are choosing to make a donation, please make your check out to Temple Aliyah Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, and, if you are mailing, please send to Attn: Rachel. Thank You!