

MECHIRAT HAMETZ - THE SELLING OF HAMETZ - 5779

On Passover we are obligated to refrain not only from *eating hametz* but also from *possessing hametz*. Accordingly, it is our practice to appoint the Rabbi as our agent to "sell" non-Passover products stored in our homes or elsewhere, on our behalf, to a non-Jewish person for the duration of the holiday. Of course, the products will not be removed from our homes. But by absolving ourselves from ownership of these *hametzdik* foodstuffs, we are fulfilling an important *mitzvah* of Pesach.

This year, *hametz* may be sold on Sunday mornings following 9:00 am minyan on April 7th or 14th, or by returning the form below to the Temple office no later than 9:00 am on Friday morning, April 19th.

Although there is no requirement to make a contribution at the time of selling one's *hametz*, the synagogue 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 very needy Jews in the Greater Boston area.

I/We authorize Rabbi Gordon to sell all hametz in my/our possession by 9:30 am on Friday, April 19th, and to buy it back in my/our name following the conclusion of Pesach on Saturday evening, April 27th.

Print Name(s): _____

Signature(s): _____

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 at this time, please make your check payable to "Temple Aliyah—Rabbi's Discretionary Fund" and send it to the synagogue office c/o Marie. Thank You!)