

### **M'khirat Hametz/Selling Hametz**

One must not have any hametz in his/her legal possession during Pesach. Because disposing of all your hametz would be costly, and sometimes impossible, a ceremony was developed to effect the sale of all remaining hametz to a non-Jew, in order that it not be in one's legal possession during Pesach. However, not all hametz may be sold. Hametz B'ayin, products such as cereals, flour, cookies, etc., that are easily identifiable as hametz, must be given away or disposed of, rather than sold. Ta'arovet Hametz, products that are not Kosher for Passover, including all foods that have been opened before Passover, and products that contain hametz in a changed form (such as grain alcohol) may be sold. In order to be sold, Ta'arovet Hametz must be shut away during Pesach in specifically identifiable locations. This may be a cabinet that will be kept closed during the week of Pesach, or a corner of the garage. The contract stipulates that the sale of this hametz is temporary, and that the hametz will revert to its original ownership at the end of the holiday. The symbolic sale is carried out when the family authorizes a Rabbi or Cantor to sell the hametz. Authorization to do this is called a shtar harsha'ah, or document of permission. The Rabbi or Cantor then sells the community's hametz by writing a shtar m'khirah, or document of sale.

### **2019 SALE OF HAMETZ FORM**

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Daniel Liben to act in my behalf to sell all **hametz** possessed by me—knowingly or unknowingly—as defined by Torah and Rabbinic Law, and lease all places wherein **hametz** possessed by me may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins at sundown on Friday, April 19, 2019 and runs through Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 8:22 PM.

In the spirit of the words of the Haggadah—

#### **ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY, LET THEM COME AND EAT**

I enclose this gift of *tzedakah* in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Temple Israel, to be used for people who are hungry or in need. Money collected will be used for ***me'ot chittin***, food provisions donated specifically to Jewish people in need at Passover time, as well to Mazon which helps people in need of food throughout the year.

Please make sure this form is in the Temple office before Thursday, April 18 at noon, or bring it with you to morning minyan (6:30 AM) on Friday, April 19 to give to Rabbi Liben after services.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/es: \_\_\_\_\_

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