

ב"ה
מכירת חמץ

The Selling of the Chametz

The Torah (Exodus 12:19) commands throughout the Festival of Pesach, "Leaven may not be found in your houses, for anyone who eats anything which is leavened (*Chametz*) – that soul shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel."

In fact, Scripture states this injunction prohibiting Chametz in our homes during Pesach no less than three times. The Rabbis interpret this trifold Mitzvah as not only prohibiting the eating of leavened products, but to command we Jews not to see, own, or benefit from any leavening or leavened product during Passover.

Of course, the task of ridding ourselves totally of all products made of grain (with the exception of eighteen-minute *matzah*) often proves difficult to accomplish. What about those half eaten-boxes of Cheerios or the box of pasta we just couldn't finish in time?

Our Sages devised a brilliant solution. They decided one must gather all of this half-eaten Chametz to an unseen place, and then sell it (the Chametz and the place) to a non-Jew for the duration of the Pesach holiday.

If you wish to participate in the fulfillment of this Pesach Mitzvah please sign the authorization below and forward to the office.

Chag Kasher v'sameach! A happy and a Kosher Pesach to all!

I _____ hereby authorize Rabbi Ben Levy to sell all of the Chametz in my possession, wherever it may be -- in my home, my place of business, or elsewhere -- in accordance with Jewish Law. This contract remains valid for the duration of the 5780/2020 Pesach holiday, from noon of Wednesday, April 8 to Thursday, April 16, at 9:27 PM.

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____

Location of Chametz _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____

Signature _____