

Sale of Hametz

On Passover, Jews are forbidden from eating, or even owning, Hametz: food containing wheat or other grain products that have had an opportunity to ferment or rise. This category includes (but is not limited to) bread, cookies and cakes, dough, pasta, beer, and grain-based spirits. If one owns a business (store, restaurant, bakery) one should arrange for sale of the entire business.

If possible, all Hametz, should be eaten, destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. The last option is most preferable in our city, where there are many who go hungry every day. It is also customary to give extra charity at this time of the year for Ma'ot Chittim, special funds set up within the Jewish community to benefit those for whom the process of preparing for and celebrating the holiday would otherwise be difficult.

However, there is some Hametz that it would be a hardship to discard (for instance, that 18-year-aged single-malt, or a chain of supermarkets). Therefore, it is also possible to store the Hametz, in a place where it will be out of sight and unused over the course of the holiday, and transfer its actual ownership to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. This maneuver is not designed as a "cheap way out" of observing Passover, but rather to make it easier for us to concentrate on the essence of the observance without waste or excessive hardship.

OVS will gladly accept responsibility for instituting this transaction, as well as repurchasing your Hametz after Pesach. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the office **no later than noon on Thursday, April 18th**, or fax it to OVS at 404-633-5938. The sale will take effect at approximately 12:32 pm on April 19th and Rabbi Kassorla will buy the food back, on your behalf, no later than 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27th. If you will be in another time zone at the beginning or end of Passover, please note this on the form.

It is traditional to make a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund when selling one's Hametz. This money will be distributed to those in need in our community to ensure that they can also enjoy Passover.

Writ of Authorization: Sale of Hametz
Please return by noon on Thursday, April 18th.

Writ of Authorization:

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Hayyim Kassorla to act on my behalf to sell all *hametz* possessed by me — knowingly or unknowingly — as defined by the Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places where *hametz* I own may be found, upon such terms as discretion dictates. These locations include, but are not limited to:

Primary Location:

Primary Address _____ City _____ State _____

Specific locations at address (e.g., locked kitchen cabinets, liquor cabinet, etc.):

Approximate Value _____

Secondary Location (if applicable) where Hametz might also be found:

Secondary Address _____ City _____ State _____

Specific locations at address:

Approximate Value _____

I understand that the sale and associate lease will take effect at approximately noon on Friday, April 19th and that the hametz will be returned to my possession and the lease terminated at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27th.

To this I affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year 2019 according to the common calendar.

Name _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Signature _____

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund at OVS.