

Mekhirat Hameitz (Sale of Hameitz)

The Torah states that a Jew should not own hameitz on Passover. Hameitz is any food (at a minimum fit for a dog to eat) that contains one or more of five types of grain (wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye), which has come in contact with water and was not baked within the prescribed length of time. It is best for one to get rid of hameitz, but if this is not practical, selling your hameitz fulfills the commandment. By signing and returning the form below, you are authorizing Rabbi David Roth or his agent to sell your hameitz on your behalf. **Note: Hameitz will be bought back Motza'ei Yom Tov, Tuesday April 30 by 9:30 PM.**

A BETTER MITZVAH: Please consider donating hameitz products to a local food pantry or to a community fridge (each according to their rules). Some options are listed here: <https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/ma-cambridge>.

MA'OT HITTIM: It is a mitzvah to give money to help the poor celebrate Pesah. One good way to fulfill this mitzvah is by giving a donation marked for Pesah to Yad Chessed (<https://www.yadchedded.org/>).

CONTRACT

I (we) _____ hereby authorize Rabbi David Roth or his agent(s) to be my (our) agent to sell all hameitz that may be in my (our) possession at the locations listed below or such other locations as my (our) hameitz may be. Hameitz is defined as any food (at a minimum fit for a dog to eat) that contains one or more of five types of grain (wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye), which has come in contact with water and was not baked within the amount of time prescribed by Jewish law. I (we) further authorize Rabbi Roth or his agents to rent the areas and/or properties designated below for purposes of storage of the hameitz which is sold until such time as the buyer should come to pick up the hameitz, or Wednesday, May 1, 2024, whichever comes earlier. I (we) understand that at the time the hameitz is sold, it will cease to be my property unless and until the hameitz is bought back on my behalf and that the buyer has the right to take the hameitz which is sold.

Please specify here if you will be outside of the Eastern Time Zone at the beginning or the end of the holiday: _____

Locations of hameitz: (please be specific, including address and area where the hameitz will be stored. Include home and business addresses as appropriate).

Please sign and print your name(s) below: Ideally, all adult household members should sign this document.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM BY SUNDAY, APRIL 21!

(IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE CONTACT RABBI ROTH FOR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. SEE BELOW.)

Options for returning the form:

- 1) Return scanned PDF of signed form via e-mail to: davidroth@tremontstreetshul.org
- 2) Mail* signed form to or drop it off at: Temple Beth Shalom (Tremont Street Shul)
Attn: Rabbi David Roth
8 Tremont St.
Cambridge, MA 02139

(*if sending by mail, please make sure it is received by Friday, April 19!)

- 3) Meet with Rabbi Roth in person: TBA/Please contact by phone or email.

Please call Rabbi Roth with any questions at (857) 600-0755 or e-mail davidroth@tremontstreetshul.org.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM RATHER THAN YOUR OWN FORM OR A LETTER.