

Why Do We Sell Chametz?

In order to avoid the financial hardship of throwing away pantries worth of food, our sages devised a way to sell our chametz (leaven and food containing leaven) before Passover.

In order to avoid the prohibition of Jewish ownership of chametz during the holiday, the Mishna proposes the solution of selling chametz to a non-Jew.

Originally, only those who traded in food sold their chametz in order to avoid major financial difficulty. It was done personally with a non-Jew and the chametz was taken out of the house. Today, we ask that you seal your chametz behind a closed door, cabinet, or pantry, that will not be opened during Passover. Our non-Jewish buyer ostensibly leases that portion of the house until we buy it back after Passover.

SALE OF CHAMETZ CONTRACT-

Please return to the CBO Office no later than, March 25, 2018

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Dahlia Bernstein, to act in my place and on my behalf to sell all Chametz possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. Chametz, possible Chametz, and all kinds of Chametz mixtures) and to lease all places wherein the Chametz owned by me may be found, especially in the premises located at:

(Your address)

Rabbi Bernstein has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as she deems fit and proper and for such time which she believes necessary, in accordance with all detailed terms and forms as explained in the general authorization contract.

The above power which is given, is meant to conform with all Torah and Rabbinic regulations.

In consideration of these services, I hereby offer my charitable contribution. Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth Ohr.

Signature

Date