

## What is Hametz?

Wheat, oats, rye, barley, or spelt became hametz (fermented) if they came in contact with water for 18 minutes after harvesting. The term hametz is also applied to dishes and utensils which have been in contact with hametz foods during the year.

The Torah prohibits the ownership of hametz during Pesach. Therefore, we arrange for mekhiratz hametz, the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew. This transfer is accomplished by appointing an agent, the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of the ownership of the non-allowed hametz. If the ownership of the hametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of the hametz is prohibited after the holiday as well.

The form below allows for the funds provided to the needy for Passover foods.

## Passover Sale of Hametz Appointment of Agent of Sale of Hametz

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Ma'ot Hittim.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Rabbi Michael Knopf to act as my agent to sell any Hametz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be - at home, place of business, car or elsewhere, in accordance with Jewish Law.

**Return this form by the morning of Friday, April 19, 2019**

to Temple Beth-El 3330 Grove Ave. Richmond, VA 23221

Please make check payable to **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**