

PASSOVER FUND - MA'OT CHITIM



Ma'ot Chitim, which literally means “wheat money,” is an ancient custom designed to make sure that everyone has the means with which to celebrate and observe Passover.

As we get closer to the Passover season, please make a special effort to bring foods that are marked Kosher for Passover to donate to the Rina Shkolnik Food Pantry.

While not required, it's customary to make a donation when selling one's *chametz*. Your donations go into the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund from which they are dispersed to various charities.

MEKHIRAT CHAMETZ (SELLING CHAMETZ)

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *chametz* (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt) during *Pesach*. Ideally we burn or remove all *chametz* from our premises.

Because this might cause prohibitive financial loss, we arrange for the sale of the *chametz* to a non-Jew and for its repurchase after *Pesach*. This is usually done by appointing a rabbi as power of attorney for selling your *chametz*, so that the transaction is done correctly. If you would like to appoint me as your seller, please complete the following document and return it to me by April 18th.

Please note that this is a real sale and the buyer will own your *chametz*. There is a true story of a synagogue custodian who had purchased the *chametz* of synagogue members and the synagogue, who was throwing a party at his house and ran out of liquor. He turned up at the shul and took the liquor to replenish his party. Although perfectly legal, this did not lead to good relations between the custodian and the synagogue! Also note that this does not happen very often and your *chametz* will most likely be safe. If the buyer is willing, your *chametz* will revert to your possession after 8:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27th.

FOR SELLING CHAMETZ 5779 (PASSOVER 2019)

I, the undersigned give the power of attorney to Rabbi Susan Elkodsi for the purpose of disposing to a buyer of Rabbi Elkodsi's choice, of all *chametz* in my possession, which includes all foods and things fully or partially composed of leavening, or of the derivatives of leavening and all other foods and things associated by Judaism with *chametz* in my possession, the sale of which is to be effective by April 19th at 10 a.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may email this form to susanelkodsi@gmail.com or malvernejewishcenter@gmail.com, or mail to:

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