

Mekhirat Chametz (Selling Chametz)

Pesach is nearly upon us, and Jewish Law requires that we do not have any *chametz* in our possession throughout the duration of the Holiday. One way of achieving this without emptying our pantries is to sell our *chametz* to a non-Jew and then purchase it back at the conclusion of the Holiday. 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 **Sunday, April 9th**

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 *hametz* will most likely be safe. If the buyer is willing, **your *chametz* will revert to your possession after 8:20 p.m. , Tuesday, April 18th.**

For Selling Chametz 5777 (Passover 2017)

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 **Monday, April 10th at 10 a.m.**

Name. _____

Address. _____

Signature. _____ Date. _____

You may email this form to susanelkodsi@gmail.com or mjctemple@gmail.com, or mail to: Malverne Jewish Center, 1 Norwood Avenue Malverne, NY 11565

Questions? Call Rabbi Elkodsi at 203-332-4428.