



Sale of Hametz

ON PASSOVER, JEWS ARE FORBIDDEN FROM EATING, OR EVEN OWNING, HAMETZ: food containing wheat or other grain products that have had an opportunity to ferment or rise. This category includes, but is not limited to, bread, cookies, cakes, dough, pasta, beer, and grain-based spirits. If one owns a business (store, restaurant, bakery, or distillery), one should arrange for the sale of the entire business.

If possible, all hametz should be eaten, destroyed, or given away before the holiday begins. The last option is most preferable in our own city, where there are many who go hungry every day. It is also customary to give extra charity at this time of year for Ma'ot Chittim, special funds set up within the Jewish community for whom the process of preparing for and celebrating the holiday, would otherwise be difficult.

However, there is some hametz that would be a hardship to discard, for instance, an 18-year-old single malt, or a chain of supermarkets. Therefore, it is also possible to store the hametz in a place where it will be out of sight and unused over the course of the holiday and transfer its actual ownership to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. This legal maneuver is not designed as a cheap way out" of observing Passover, but rather to make it easier for us to concentrate on the essence of the observance without waste or excessive hardship.

The synagogue will gladly accept all responsibility for instituting this transaction, as well as repurchasing your hametz after Pesach. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the office or fill out the form NO LATER THAN Monday, April 3. If returning by mail, all forms should be postmarked by Thursday, March 30. The sale will take effect at approximately 11:30 am on Wednesday, April 5 and Rabbi Kerbel will buy the food back on your behalf no later than 9:30 pm on Thursday, April 13. If you will be in another time zone at the beginning and end of Passover, please note this on the form.

It is traditional to make a donation to Ma'ot Chittim, (literally 'wheat money') when selling one's hametz. Please make a donation to the TBEMC "Rabbi's Fund." This money will be distributed to those in need in our community to ensure they can also enjoy Pesach.

Writ of Authorization: Sale of Hametz

Please complete the form [online at tbemc.org](https://tbemc.org) by Monday, April 3, 2023. Email form to office@tbemc.org, mail: TBEMC 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016

Writ of Authorization:

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Kerbel or a representative he designates, to act on my behalf to sell all hametz possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as defined by the Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places where hametz I own may be found, upon such terms as discretion dictates. These locations include, but aren't limited to:

Primary Location:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Specific locations at address (e.g kitchen cabinets, liquor cabinet) and

Approximate value: _____

Secondary Location:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Specific locations at address (e.g. kitchen cabinets, liquor cabinet) and

Approximate value: _____

I understand that the sale and associated lease will take effect at approximately 11:30 am on Wednesday, April 5 and that the hametz will be returned to my possession, and the lease terminated, at approximately 9:30 pm on Thursday, April 13.

To this, I affix my signature on this _____ day of _____ in the year 2023 according to the common calendar.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Ph: _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ made out to TBEMC. Please note "Rabbi's Fund" in the memo section. You can also donate online at tbemc.shulcloud.com (Payments and Donations).