

Selling of Hametz

Dear Friends,

As part of our preparation for Passover, we observe the *Mitzvah* (obligation) of removing *hametz* (food prepared from wheat, barley, oats, rye and spelt) from our homes. Disposal of all hametz is costly. Instead of removing all hametz from our homes, we may securely store it in a cabinet and *sell* it to someone not Jewish for the duration of the Passover holiday. **We also make a donation for *Maot Hittim*/feeding those who are hungry so that all may enjoy a joyful Passover.**

This year, the ritual sale of hametz will take place at 10am on Friday, April 19, 2019. At that time, Rabbi Lisa Gelber will *sell* our hametz to a non-Jewish person. Immediately following the completion of Passover, the hametz “reverts” to its original owner. **Complete this symbolic sale by returning the attached authorization to mgrozalsky@habonim.net or Malkie Grozalsky, Congregation Habonim, 103 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023 NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019.**

Pet owners - Jewish law allows you to *sell* your pet along with your hametz so that it may eat its regular hametz food during the holiday. Caring for animals is an important mitzvah. This practice enables you to keep your pet fed and cared for in the manner to which it is accustomed during Passover.

Make all checks for Maot Hittim payable to Rabbi Gelber’s Discretionary Fund. Funds will be divided between local and national organizations.

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Form for the Sale of Hametz

I / We, _____, hereby authorize and permit Rabbi Lisa Gelber to act as my/our agent to dispose of all hametz, as defined by Torah and Rabbinic law that may be in my/our possession at home, in places of business and elsewhere in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of the Passover Holiday which concludes at 8:35pm on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

____ I/We enclose a contribution of \$_____ for Maot Hittim.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Mail/Return to
Congregation Habonim, c/o Malkie Grozalsky, 103 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023

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