

WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

Our households should be cleaned and otherwise prepared for Passover even if they are not kept *kosher* throughout the rest of the year. Our tradition recognizes that it may be a financial hardship or otherwise difficult to get rid of all of our *chametz*. There is therefore a tradition of sealing in a cabinet or drawer *chametz* that we cannot afford to give or throw away (tape the drawer or cabinet to remind all in your home to keep it closed) and then of selling the rights to this *chametz* (with rights to it reverting to the original owner at the conclusion of the festival) to someone who is neither Jewish nor participating in any Passover observances (and who is therefore not bound by Jewish tradition to be rid of *chametz*). The CNT office will arrange for this transaction on behalf of CNT members and others in our community. However, we must be explicitly authorized by you to sell your *chametz*. Please complete and return to the written authorization found at the bottom of this page Friday, April 7 by 3:00 PM.

Chametz sold on your behalf should be sealed by Monday morning, April 10, and shouldn't be accessed until Tuesday, April 18 after sundown.

MA'OT CHITTIM - MONEY FOR WHEAT: The selling of *chametz* is combined with another *mitzvah* known as *ma'ot chittim* -- Money for Wheat. We have the responsibility of seeing to it that every Jew has food for *Pesach* or otherwise. It is customary to make a donation to Congregation Ner Tamid for *Ma'ot Chittim* as part of the authorization process for the sale of *chametz*. You are not "paying the synagogue" to sell your *chametz*. Rather, you are making a contribution that will help to ensure that those who are hungry, whether on Passover or otherwise, will have food to eat (funds collected are distributed to individuals in need or to organizations that provide food services for those in need). Our tradition demands of us that we care for those who are hungry as we prepare to celebrate with all of our traditional Seder delicacies.

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Complete, sign, and return this form to the CNT Office, together with your check for Ma'ot Chittim by Friday, April 7 at 3:00PM.

I / we _____, residing at _____

and / or working at _____ and _____

authorize the office of Congregation Ner Tamid of South Bay, to sell my / our *chametz* in accordance with the custom of Jewish law. (If you are selling *chametz* in your place of work, please list that address as well in the space above.)

Signed: _____ DATE: _____

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*PLEASE NOTE: Please enclose with this authorization your check made out to "Congregation Ner Tamid". On the memo line, please write, "MA'OT CHITTIM".

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