



MECHIRAT CHAMETZ

Appointment of Agent for the Sale of Chametz

Chametz (literally that which is leavened), are foods that are prohibited during all of Passover. *Chametz* is created when any of these five grains: wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt, have been mixed with a liquid and allowed to stand for more than 18 minutes. Some Ashkenazi Jews also include rice, millet, corn and legumes. (See The Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide for more information: www.rabbinicalassembly.org) Our Tradition says that we must not own any *chametz* during the 8 days of Passover. We are either to throw it away, burn it, give it away or store it in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday. Its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends.

It is customary to make a donation for *Maot Chittim* – literally ‘wheat money’ - so that those without means will be able to prepare for the holiday. **We donate these contributions to MAZON - A Jewish Response to Hunger** (www.mazon.org).



SALE OF CHAMETZ FORM *Please complete the form below and return no later than Thursday, March 25.*

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Carolyn Braun to act on my behalf to sell all *chametz* possessed by me - knowingly or unknowingly - as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein *chametz* owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect from 12:30 pm Friday, March 26, 2021 and for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins with sundown (7:45 pm) on March 27, 2021 and runs through April 4, 2021 at 7:55 pm.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year 5781/2021.

Name _____

Address _____

I enclose \$_____ for Maot Chittim. *Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El. All money collected will be combined and a check sent to MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER*