

Sale of Hametz

The Torah tells us that during Passover, "No leaven shall be found in your houses for seven days" (*Exodus 12:19*). The rabbis understood this to mean that one could not own any *hametz* during the holiday. To prevent the financial hardship that would result from discarding all of one's leaven on an annual basis, the rabbis developed a legal mechanism whereby an individual could sell his/her leaven to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday.

PLEASE REMEMBER that even if you plan to be away from home for the entire holiday, you must still sell all the *hametz* you own. Similarly, should you own other property, or store leaven products in your office, you must sell the *hametz* stored in those locations as well.

While there is no charge for the selling of leaven, it is customary to include a charitable contribution with the "Sale of Leaven" form. Checks may be sent to the Jacksonville Jewish Center for Rabbi Lubliner's Discretionary Fund, or you may send your checks directly to the following causes: the JFCS Food Pantry, and/or MAZON - A Jewish Response to Hunger.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AT RIGHT and return it to the Rabbi's office with your *tzedakah* donation **no later than the end of the day on Tuesday, April 4. It must be RECEIVED by the rabbi no later than Wednesday morning, April 5th.** Since Jewish Law requires *hametz* to be sold no later than Wednesday morning, the deadline is a firm one of necessity.

A sign up sheet is also available in the lobbies of the synagogue and schools.

SALE OF LEAVEN (HAMETZ) FORM

**Must be received by the Rabbi's office
no later than Wednesday, April 5**

THE UNDERSIGNED, BY HIS/HER/THEIR SIGNATURE(S), have herewith granted full Power-of-Attorney to Rabbi Jonathan Lubliner of the Jacksonville Jewish Center, concerning the sale of every product containing leaven or its derivatives and all animals that consume leaven or its derivatives in his/her/their possession, effective as of 12:26 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on April 5, 2023, until nightfall on the 13th day of April, 2023. This power of attorney includes the right to rent to the purchaser all storage space, vessels and receptacles wherein such merchandise is currently found, until said purchaser sees fit to remove it to other premises. This contract is valid and binding and may thus be enforced in the most effective manner in accordance with the laws of our Torah, as well in accordance with the civil laws of the State of Florida.

Name (print):

Address:

Signature