



PASSOVER/ PESACH SALE OF HAMETZ

The Biblical injunction is that “no leaven shall be seen or found in your possession during Passover.”

Although it was not easy in earlier days for people to rid their entire household and properties of leaven products, it is somewhat more difficult today. We now buy things in bigger packages, can preserve them longer and tend to keep them for longer periods of time.

IN ORDER NOT to be compelled to dispose of all leaven products in our possession, we have legal provisions for the sake of all of our hametz. We invite every member of the congregation to appoint Rabbi Jay to represent them for this transaction. The Rabbi will then “sell” everyone’s hametz to a person who is not Jewish (and therefore not obligated to remove hametz from their possession on Passover) for the duration of Passover. After the holiday, the Rabbi will buy it back Provided that the person who bought it is willing.

While many of you will say this is only a legal fiction. However, this is a fiction which serves a purpose—to demonstrate, as does every symbolic act, the intention of everyone to observe the laws.

This year is a bit different since the first night is a Saturday and Shabbat runs straight into the first night of Passover. Therefore, this transaction must be completed by **Thursday, March 25 at 4PM**. A provision will be made in the sale so that you may continue to use some of the hametz on Friday and Shabbat morning.

Note: If you are not in the Eastern Time Zone, you should make arrangements with a local synagogue to sell your hametz with them so that you do not inadvertently wind up in possession of hametz while it is still Passover in your locale. If you need help finding an agent to sell your hametz please contact Rabbi Jay at Mjayrab@gmail.com.

JCC of LBI members may appoint Rabbi Michael S. Jay as their agent in the following manner:

Send in the form below with your donation to the “Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund”. It is traditional that the money be given to the individual who acts as the agent to arrange this sale.

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE RABBI’S POSSESSION BY THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH AT 4 PM.

I, _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Michael S. Jay as my agent to sell all leaven and hametz in my possession for the duration of Passover.

Address _____

Donation \$ _____