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Dear Friends:

As we prepare for Pesach, our attention turns in particular to two important mitzvot: providing for the poor, and getting rid of all hametz. As for hametz, I suggest these three standard methods:

1. Use up as much as possible, especially *hametz she-b'ayin*, "things that look like hametz," e.g. pasta, bread, cakes, cereal.
2. Give away whatever you will not consume. Unopened packages may be contributed to the TBT Food Barrel before Tuesday, March 31st; opened packages may be given to non-Jewish friends and neighbors.
3. For *hametz* that you cannot give away or that would cause financial hardship to give away (e.g. bottles of liquor), fill out the form below, and I will serve as your Transfer Agent to execute a contract to:
 - a) Sell (transfer legal title of) said foods to a non-Jew (as of Wednesday, April 1st at 10:00 am) and
 - b) Rent cabinet storage space in your home to the same non-Jewish person, so s/he does not have to physically move it off your premises before Pesach.
 - c) If the non-Jewish person wants to back out of the deal after Pesach, I will arrange for ownership to revert to you after the holiday.

This is also the season for collecting and distributing Ma'ot Hittim, money to help those in need to buy Passover food and supplies. Members of our community are counting on your generosity.

You can return this form to the office or email it to rabbirich@btzbuffalo.org by Tuesday, March 31st. You can also complete the form online at www.bit.ly/hametz5786.

With best wishes for a joyous Pesach,

Rabbi Sara Rich

I authorize Rabbi Sara Rich to act as my agent and sell all hametz in my possession as of the morning of Friday, April 11th, 2025 (except that which you have designated to eat from Friday afternoon through Shabbat morning), as well as to lease the spaces in my home where hametz is located.

My name is _____

Address(es) where hametz is located _____

Signed _____ Date _____

I wish to make a donation for selling of my chametz \$ _____

I am pleased to also enclose a voluntary donation of \$ _____ to the TBT Ma'ot Hittim Fund. You may also make a donation to the Ma'ot Hittim Fund through our website at btzbuffalo.org