

☐ I will be away for the start of *Pesach* in a **later** time zone; I need my *chametz* to be sold early.

MUST BE RECEIVED Wednesday April 9, 2025. It is Preferable to Make This Transaction Directly with Rabbi Bixon. If You Can Not, Please Mail To: Beth Israel Congregation 770 W. 40th Street Miami Beach, Florida 33140.

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, the undersigned, fully empower Rabbi Donald Bixon to act in my place and on my behalf to sell all *chametz* possessed by me, knowingly and unknowingly, as defined by Torah law and its rabbinic explanations and protections, excepting all *chametz* that I designate for burning. Rabbi Bixon also has the right to lease out all locations in which *chametz* owned by me may be found, and to lease out right of access to those locations – especially at:

1. _____
(Home address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

2. _____
(Office address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

The *chametz* that I possess includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Type of <i>chametz</i> (e.g. groceries, medicines)	Location (i.e. kitchen – sealed closets)	Approximate Value (\$)
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
TOTAL:		\$

[COMPLETE THIS BOX IF YOU WILL BE AWAY FOR ALL OF PESACH AND DO NOT INTEND TO DO A FULL BEDIKAT CHAMETZ AT HOME:]

☐ I specifically authorize Rabbi Donald Bixon to sell all *chametz* located anywhere in my home at the above address and to lease my entire home.

☐ As an exception, I exclude the _____ room from the lease.

Keys can be found with: _____ at: _____.
(Name) (Address)

I also give Rabbi Bixon full power of attorney to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and to lease as provided herein. I understand that the sale of *chametz*, and the leasing of storage space and access, for which Rabbi Bixon will be the agent, will be complete and unconditional. The purchaser will have every right to enter the addresses listed, and to make every use of the *chametz* stored therein, as that *chametz* will belong to the purchaser.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this ____ day of _____ in the year 5785, corresponding to the ____ day of _____ 2025.

Name (please print clearly): _____ Signature: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone between April 12th and April 20th _____

Rabbi Donald Bixon: _____ Date: _____

FORM FAQ/GUIDELINES

☐ I will be away for the start of *Pesach* in a later time zone; I need my chametz sold by 12:00 PM, 9, 2025. According to Halacha (Jewish Law) it is Preferable to sell my chametz to a Jew. Please Mail To: Beth Israel Congregation 770 W. 40th Street Miami Beach, FL 33139

Why would I need to sell my chametz early?

The prohibition of owning *chametz* (i.e. the latest time to sell it) takes effect at the completion of five halakhic hours of the day, but this point in time is relative to the daytime hours of wherever you find yourself on *erev Pesach*. Our regular sale takes place shortly before this time in Miami Beach, which will be too late for those in a later time zone (i.e. Israel), where the prohibition takes effect earlier. Opting for an earlier sale (which will take place on the afternoon of 13 *Nisan*) solves this issue.

Why is it preferable to hand the POA to the Rabbi and not mail it?

It is better to engage in what is called a "Kinyan Sudar" (acquisition done by a cloth) with the Rabbi (Agent). This involves the Rabbi giving a garment or "utensil" (usually a handkerchief or pen) to the individual and that individual lifting the garment or utensil. According to Halacha, this procedure is not required, but the Rambam (Hilchot Mechirah 5:14) notes it is the accepted practice to conduct a "Kinyan Sudar" to express seriousness of intent, when appointing an Agent for a sale. Rav Soloveitchik z"l felt strongly that this minhag should be followed.

Why do I need to list what I'm selling? How exact do I need to be?

Although unlisted *chametz* will also be sold, more specific information is requested so that the buyer can better understand what it is she is purchasing. Your descriptions and evaluations do not need to be precise - if they generally convey the idea of what it is you're selling, you're fine. You do not need to sell your *chametz* utensils or *kitniyot*, though in general you should list anything that you would not consume on *Pesach*.

Type of *chametz* (e.g. groceries, medical supplies, etc.)

Is this box for me? Do I need to give my house keys to anyone? Why would I leave out a room?

For those who will be home (or hosting someone else in their home) over *Pesach*, the sale is limited to their *chametz* and a lease of the areas which their *chametz* occupies. If you're in this category, you should not fill out this box, and you do not need to leave an extra set of keys with anyone.

Those who do not intend to use their home at all over *Pesach* can fill out this box to lease their home in its entirety. Doing so allows one to skip *Pesach* cleaning of the home, as the entire property will belong to someone else when *chametz* becomes prohibited. **Access to the home needs to be provided, so make sure to leave a key with someone local.**

For those in this category who do not want to clean their entire home but would still like to do the formal *mitzvah* of *bedikat chametz*, exclusion of a specific room from the sale (which should be searched the night before leaving) is listed as an option.

[COMPLETE THIS BOX IF YOU ARE NOT HOME DURING PESACH]

☐ I specifically authorize the sale of my entire home.

☐ As an exception, I exclude the following room(s):

Keys can be found with:

[COMPLETE THIS BOX IF YOU ARE HOME DURING PESACH]

I hereby lease my home and to lease my

I also give Rabbi Goldschlager the authority to lease as provided herein. I understand that the sale of *chametz* and the leasing of storage space and access, for which Rabbi Goldschlager will be the agent, will be complete and unconditional. The purchaser will have every right to enter the addresses listed, and to make every use of the *chametz* stored therein, as that *chametz* will belong to the purchaser.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of Nissan in the year 57_____

Name (please print clearly):

Signature

15th

date:

When do I get my chametz back?

Well, you might not get it back, as this is a formal sale without any obligation on the part of the buyer to return it.

But if previous history is any indication, the buyer will likely want to renegotiate and sell the *chametz* back to us after *Pesach*. I'll keep you updated through email if and when that occurs.

One More Thing!

It is highly recommended that you submit this form after you are finished purchasing *chametz*, as I might not have the power to sell items purchased afterwards. If you do end up purchasing anything later, you can reappoint me as your agent of sale, including any new items. Feel free to give me a call for this.