



Congregation
Shaarey
Zedek

To Sell Your Chometz This Pesach

שטר הרשאה למכירת חמץ

This day shall be to you one of remembrance: you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD throughout the ages; you shall celebrate it as an institution for all time. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the very first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day to the seventh day that person shall be cut off from Israel. (Exodus 12:14-15)

"Leaven," or "chometz" includes all forms of leavened baked goods, alcoholic beverages derived from grain, cereals, and any other foods not marked as kosher for Passover.

Ideally, all chometz should be destroyed or given away before the Pesach begins. Should this be impossible, the chometz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends.

If, in the course of your Pesach cleaning, you would like to give away your excess chometz, you are welcome to drop off any **UNOPENED** packages of **NON-PERISHABLE** food items in the Winnipeg Harvest bin, which is located just outside the Shaarey Zedek office.

If you would rather sell your chometz in order to be able to use it again after the holiday, please complete the form below and return it to Alice Weissmann, Ritual Secretary, **no later than 12:18 PM on Monday, April 18th, 2011.**

Important Information for Monday, April 18th

- *Ta'anit Bechorim* (Fast of the Firstborn) Fast begins: 4:41 AM Fast ends: 8:53 PM
(This fast is observed by the firstborn of the mother and the firstborn of the father to commemorate the deliverance of the first-born Israelites in Egypt. It is customary for the rabbi to make a *Siyyum* (a public reading and explanation of the concluding passage of a tractate of Talmud) on the morning before Pesach. Since eating at such an occasion is a *se'udat mitzvah*, a festive meal which accompanies the performance of certain mitzvot, the firstborn who are present at the *Siyyum* may break the fast.)
- Latest time to eat chometz: 11:08 AM
- Latest time to sell chometz: 12:18 PM

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Alan Green to act on my behalf to sell all chometz possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein chometz owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins with sundown on Monday, the 18th day of April, 2011 and runs through Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 2011.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this

_____ day of _____ in the year 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____