

# מכירת חמץ ~ *Mekhirat Hametz* ~ The Selling of Hametz

Ideally, each of us would use up, give away, or destroy all our hametz (food that is not acceptable during Passover) before the start of Pesah. Recognizing that not everyone can remove or destroy all leavened products, the rabbinic sages provided a legal remedy. Through *mekhirat hametz*, the selling of hametz to a non-Jew, we arrange technically not to own whatever hametz food and utensils are stored in our homes. We accomplish this by authorizing a rabbi to act as our agent to sell all our hametz and hametz utensils and by putting away the hametz food and utensils so that we will not accidentally use them during the holiday.

Although in other sales, the seller receives money, in this one, it is customary for the seller to include with the sale authorization a donation, called *ma'ot hittin*, "money for wheat," which goes to help Jews who cannot afford matzah and other necessities for the holiday. At Park Avenue Synagogue, these donations go to the Welfare Fund and are used year-round to support Jews in need.

Please print the form below, fill it out and return it to the synagogue no later than **7:00 am on Friday, April 19, 2019**. If you wish to make a donation to *Ma'ot Hittin*, please make your check payable to PAS – Ma'ot Hittin.

**! חג פסח שמח וכשר ~ *Hag Pesah sameah v'kasher!* ~ A happy & kosher Pesah!**

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## שטר הרשעה ~ *Shtar Harsha'ah* ~ Authorization to Sell Hametz

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Rachel Salston to act in my behalf to sell all *hametz* possessed by me and my household – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places where *hametz* owned may be found. This transaction takes effect Friday, April 19, 2019, at 10:40 am and will be in effect for the duration of Pesah, which ends on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 9:00 pm.

To this I hereby affix my signature on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 2019.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other adults (above the age of 13) in household \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office or 2nd Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office or 3rd Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office or 4th Home Address \_\_\_\_\_



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