



SALE OF CHAMETZ

The Torah prohibits us from owning any type of Chametz during the festival of Pesach (Passover). In principle, a person has the option of consuming all his/her Chametz before Pesach, giving it away, destroying it or renouncing all ownership of it. In practice it is often not possible to dispose of all the Chametz before Pesach, nor can a person be relied upon to genuinely renounce ownership of a significant amount of Chametz. Moreover, a person may have Chametz in his/her possession of which he/she is unaware.

As a response to this situation the practice of "Selling the Chametz" began nearly two thousand years ago during the time of the Mishnah. Originally, each Jew would sell his/her own Chametz to a gentile and there would be an exchange of goods and money. Nowadays, in order to ensure that all legal requirements of a contract of sale are satisfied people usually appoint the Rabbi as their agent for selling the Chametz to a gentile. At the same time they must make sure that all Chametz is locked away in a designated room or closet so as not to come in contact with it over Pesach. After Pesach the Rabbi buys back the Chametz though this is not made a specific condition of the sale. It should be noted that Chametz, which remains in one's possession during Pesach, is prohibited for use afterwards.

In order to ensure that no Chametz remains in your possession over Pesach please fill in the attached form. Chametz at your place of business ought to be sold as well.

For anybody who would like to make a formal Kinyan on the sale of Chametz, I will be available at Croxdale Road after Shacharit on Sunday 25th March. Please ensure you also bring along the filled in and signed form.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Rabbi Kanterovitz

NB. As you fill out the approximate value of Chametz to be sold on the next page, remember that whisky, beer and gin are Chametz as well.

You can also do this online at www.borehamwoodshul.org/SaleOfChametzOnline.

A reminder that you should do Bedikat Chametz (the search for Chametz) after 8.20pm on Thursday 29th March. On Erev Pesach (Friday 30th March), finish eating Chametz by 10.57am and burn your Chametz by 12.00pm. When Pesach finishes after Shabbat 7th April, please do not access your Chametz until 9.30pm to give the Rabbi time to buy it back.

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DELEGATION OF ATTORNEY FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Kanterovitz to act in my place and stead and on my behalf to sell all CHAMETZ possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by Torah and Rabbinic law (eg Chametz, doubtful Chametz and all kinds of Chametz mixture) also Chametz that is unfit for human food (and which tends to adhere to a surface of the inside of pots, pans and cooking utensils) especially on the premises located at:

ADDRESSES (block letters please)

Address 1	Address 2
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Rabbi Kanterovitz has the full right to sell and to lease by such transactions as he deems fit and proper and for such time as he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms and forms as set out in the general contract which will be signed by Rabbi Kanterovitz to sell the Chametz. The authorisation to appoint a proxy in his place with full power to sell and to lease is herein provided.

The above given power is in conformity with all Torah and Rabbinical regulations and laws and is also in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

In witness thereof I write my signature on this the _____ 2018/5778

Signature	Name
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Approximate value of Chametz to be sold £ _____

We will be spending Pesach in:

UK / Europe Israel North America Other (specify)

Complete this form and send it marked "Sale of Chametz" to Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue, PO Box 47 Croxdale Road, Borehamwood, Herts. WD6 4QF.

All Forms must be received no later than 10.00am Monday 26th March 2018. Please mark "Sale of Chametz" on your envelope.

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