

MECHIRAT CHAMETZ - THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

As every year, we now remind you to arrange for the sale of your *Chametz*, leavened foods before Passover. Formally, we are bound to remove or destroy all *Chametz* from our possession before Passover. However, because of the financial and logistical difficulties of such divestment, *halacha*, Jewish law, created the practice of *Mechirat Chametz*, the sale of *Chametz* to a non-Jewish friend. Essentially, what occurs is that a price is set and a token down payment is made by the buyer. The balance is considered to be a loan. The contract stipulates that the sale must be completed by the day after Passover. After Passover, the buyer "decides" not to pay the balance, and effectively resells the *Chametz* to the seller.

The sale of *Chametz* is as critical for the observance of Passover as cleaning our kitchens and purchasing Kosher for Passover foods. Please complete and return this form to the Synagogue Office, 236 Kane Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231. We ask that you return with your form a donation for *Ma'ot Chittim*, a special Passover fund to enable needy Jews to observe the holiday. We support the work of the New York Board of Rabbis, whose Passover Campaign enables Jews who are institutionalized, in hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, etc. to celebrate the Seders properly. Your contribution will be used entirely to provide Passover support for these Jews.

I hereby authorize Rabbi Samuel H. Weintraub to sell all of the *Chametz* in my/our household's possession at the following address(es): (include all homes, offices, automobiles, boats, etc.)

Names of all adult household members:

Please Print Name _____

Signature: _____

In consideration of this transaction, I enclose the following amount to help needy Jews celebrate Passover (checks payable to Kane Street Synagogue - Passover Fund)

**PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM AND RETURN BY
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010**