Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum Heska Amuna Synagogue 3811 Kingston Pike Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

Dear Friend of the Community (חבר קהילה):

According to Jewish law and practice, Jews may not eat nor possess nor benefit from any hametz (fermented or leavened grain-products) during the entire holiday of Passover (*Pesach*; Saturday night, April 12th – Sunday night, April 20th). It is customary to empty your house of all hametz, including any items made from barley, rye, oat, wheat, or spelt prior to Passover.

While many Jews pack up their hametz and put them out of the way in a secure place in the home, such as a garage or a taped cupboard, there are other methods to dispose of hametz in some homes, members of the family hunt for the hametz the evening before Passover and then burn it the next morning. Others donate all of their hametz to a food bank. A popular way to get rid of your hametz is to sell it to a non-Jew, using an appointed agent to conduct that transaction. To facilitate the selling of hametz, I (Rabbi Rosenbaum) agree to act as our representative and will be selling our hametz. On the next page you will find a sale of hametz contract.

Please return this contract to the synagogue office no later than Wednesday, April 9th (since Passover begins immediately after Shabbat on the 12th, I will sell our *hametz* on Thursday morning, April 10th, to prevent interfering with proper preparation for Shabbat). It is customary to send a small donation to the synagogue in lieu of payment for these services. Checks should be made out to "Heska Amuna Synagogue" and designated in the Memo line for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. These funds will help fulfill the mitzvah of *ma'ot hittim*, helping needy Jews observe the holiday of Passover.

Wishing you and yours a zissen Pesach, a sweet observance of Passover.

Kol Tuv,

Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum

Alm J. Raub-

Sale of *Hametz* Contract 2025

The signature below attests:

To fulfill the mitzvah of the selling of *hametz*, I (we) appoint Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum as my (our) agent to dispose of all *hametz* that may be in my (our) possession wherever it may be: at home, at my place of business, or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law. I (We) will not derive any benefit from the sale of the *hametz*. It is understood that I will not be in ownership of any *hametz* from 12-noon Thursday, April 10, 2025 through 9 p.m. Sunday, April 20, 2025.

| Signature: | |
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| Printed Name: | |
| Address: | |
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| Date: | |

This contract may be returned by mail, in person, or email: admin@heskaamuna.org, no later than Wednesday, April 9th.