

Rabbi Alon C Ferency
Heska Amuna Synagogue
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Dear Friend of the Community (חבר קהילה):

Many of us know that 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*; Monday afternoon, April 10 – Tuesday night, April 18). It is customary to empty your house of all *hametz*, including any items made from barley, rye, oat, wheat, or spelt (mnemonic: B.R.O.W.S.) prior to Passover. This practice even applies to your pet's food and even if you will be away during the holiday.

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* on the eve before Pesach 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 Ferency) agree to act as our representative and will be selling *hametz*. On the next page you will find a sale of *hametz* contract.

Please return this contract to the synagogue office by April 3. 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" and designated in the Memo line for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. These funds will help fulfill the mitzvah of *ma'ot bittim*, helping needy Jews observe the holiday of Passover.

This contract may be returned to the Synagogue office by mail, in person, or by scanning and emailing back to admin@heskaamuna.org, no later than April 3.

The signature below attests:

To fulfill the mitzvah of the selling of *hametz*, I (we) appoint Rabbi Alon Ferency 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 Monday, April 10, 2017 through 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 18.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Address:

Date:
