

Rabbi Alon C Ferency  
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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*; Friday afternoon, April 19 – Saturday night, April 27). 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 their *hametz* to a food bank. A popular way to get rid of your *hametz* is to sell it to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday, 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 our *hametz*. On the next page you will find a sale of *hametz* contract.

Please return this contract to the synagogue office by Wednesday, April 17. 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 by mail, in person, or scanned and emailed to [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org), no later than April 17.

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, Friday, April 19, 2019 through 9 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

Signature:

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Printed Name:

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Address:

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Date:

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