

DISPOSAL/SALE OF CHAMETZ
(Mechirat Chametz)

The disposal of leaven (chametz) before the start of the Passover holiday traditionally requires not only the removal or storing of all chametz, but also its dispossession. Actually, traditional Jewish law states that we are not allowed to own any chametz during the entire Passover holiday.

Therefore, in order to enable us to fulfill these traditional requirements, Jewish law provides for a technical procedure whereby we are able to sell all chametz in our possession for the duration of the holiday. This is known as “*mechirat chametz*” (“sale of chametz”).

Rabbi Steinberg will be happy to assist you with the sale of chametz, thus enabling you to have a kosher home for Pesach. If you wish to take part in this tradition, please complete and mail (or bring in) the form below to Temple Israel, 1602 E. 2nd Street, Duluth, MN 55804 (attention: Rabbi David Steinberg) so that Rabbi Steinberg receives it by April 15, 2011.

It is traditional to make a special tzedakah donation called “*ma’ot chittim*” (“wheat money”) when selling one’s chametz. Therefore, please consider making a donation to MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER when submitting the authorization form below. Rabbi Steinberg will be happy to forward your donation to that worthy organization. Alternatively, you can make your contribution to Mazon directly by visiting their website www.mazon.org.

Also, you may wish to donate some or all of your unopened, non-perishable chametz items to the CHUM Food Shelf by placing these items in the shopping carts located on the lower level of the Temple (but no later than two days before the start of Passover please.)

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Dear Rabbi Steinberg,

I hereby authorize you to sell all chametz in my home and/or business.

Name (Print):

Address(es) covered by this authorization:

Signature:
