



## SALE OF CHAMETZ FORM

*The Torah prohibits ownership of chametz (leaven) during Pesach. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of chametz to a non-Jewish person. We make the transfer by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for return of the chametz to the original owner. Please return this form by Friday, April 7. It is customary to make a donation which the Rabbi allocates those who need.*

***I/We authorize Rabbi Michael Klayman to sell our chametz on our behalf. Enclosed is a donation payable to the Rabbi Charity Account.***

Signatures(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach as many additional names as desired*



## ***BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: SEARCHING FOR LEAVEN***

***Rabbi's note:*** *On the night before Passover (this year, April 9) we search the house for leaven. The Talmud writes about doing this search, 'to the light of the fourteenth of Nisan'. This means that on the evening of the fourteenth of Nisan (April 9), we conduct the search. **The light of the fourteenth etc.**, means the **night***

*of the fourteenth-with a ceremony conducted by candlelight. The search is mostly a symbolic one, since we have already cleaned our homes and apartments. **Bedikat Chametz/Searching for Leaven** not only satisfies what is written in the Torah, but can be a fun and memorable experience for children.*

- Take ten pieces of bread and place them around a specific room, like the kitchen. 'Search' for the bread with a candle [lights out]. One custom is for an adult to hide the bread and for children to search. Another custom is for the children to hide the bread with adults searching.
- Before searching, recite the following blessing:

- **Barukh atah Adonay, Elohaynu melekh ha'olam, asher keedshanu b'meetzvohtav v'tzeevanu al bee'or chametz.**
- **Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who has made us special through the commandments, commanding us to remove all chametz/leaven.**

- After finding the pieces, search the entire house by candlelight. Again, the search is symbolic: Having the entire family walk around the house can be a memorable experience for our children.



- Recite the following prayer; nullifying all *chametz* in your possession:

**Kal hameera d'eeka beershutee, d'lah chameetay ood'lah bee'ayr'tay, leh'heh'vay vahteel v'cha'sheev k'afrah d'ar'ah.**

**All hametz in my possession, which I have not seen or removed, or of which I am unaware, is hereby nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth.**