



During the Passover festival all manner of leavened foods and drinks and ingredients which are made from or contain an admixture of grains (*chametz*) are prohibited to any one of the Jewish faith. One who cannot dispose of all his/her *chametz* before Pesach must authorize a rabbi, in advance, to sell his/her *chametz* for him/her to a non-Jew. This is called “*Mechirat Chametz*.” This sale of *chametz* is a legal action, giving the non-Jew all rights to ownership over the *chametz* that has been sold and permission to access the food in one’s home/office. After the conclusion of the festival, the *chametz* may be repurchased from the non-Jew. Please sign the authorization form below and return it to the shul office to Rabbi Uri’s attention by Thursday, April 14, 2011. Anyone interested in observing the sale should contact Rabbi Uri.

There is a special charitable *Mitzvah* before Pesach to give “*Maot Chittim*” – lit. “Wheat Money,” which is used to provide Seder food for needy individuals. You may include a small donation for *Maot Chittim* along with your authorization form which the Rabbi will pass on appropriately.

Authorization Form to Sell Chametz

I, the undersigned, empower and permit Rabbi Uri Topolosky to sell all *chametz* (leaven) and all products containing *chametz* possessed by me knowingly or unknowingly as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law, and to lease all the places wherein the above mentioned products owned by me may be found, especially in the premises located at:

Home Address (location of *chametz*): _____

And Business Address (location of *chametz*): _____

Rabbi Uri Topolosky has the full right to sell and lease the above by such transactions as he deems fit and proper for such time as he chooses. The authority, which is hereby given, is meant to be in conformity with the Torah and Rabbinic laws and regulations, and also to be in acceptance with the laws of the United States of America and the State of Louisiana.

To this I do hereby affix my signature on this ___ day of April, 2011.

Signature

Name (please print)