



מכירת חמץ

SELLING HAMETZ

An integral part of the pre-Passover planning involves eliminating one's hametz: prohibitions in the Torah include eating hametz, seeing hametz, and even owning hametz. According to Jewish law, all hametz should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. In our current situation, Rabbi Haaz forbids us to destroy food that could be eaten either by someone else or by ourselves after the holiday. That leaves us with the possibility of storing the hametz away in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and transferring the ownership of the hametz to a non-Jew until the holiday ends.

It is traditional when selling one's hametz to make a donation. This season at Har Zion, we have been raising money to fight food insecurity. Before Purim, money was raised to support the work of the Jewish Relief Agency's to feed people in the Philadelphia area. Now, we are trying to raise \$3,600 for **Leket Israel, the National Food Bank** (<https://www.leket.org/en/>). This would be enough to feed 600 families of four for the entire holiday of Passover!

The procedure is simple. Please fill out the form below, listing any additional addresses on the back, and return the form with the (optional) donation to Leket Israel (payable to Har Zion Temple) to the synagogue office – 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley, PA 19072.

The sellers fully empower and permit Rabbi Haaz to sell all hametz possessed by the sellers – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein hametz owned may be found.

This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesah, which this year begins on Saturday, March 27, and runs through Sunday, April 4, at 9:00 PM.

Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____