



מכירת חמץ

SELLING HAMETZ

An integral part of the pre-Passover planning involves eliminating one's hametz: the prohibition of hametz includes eating hametz, seeing hametz, and even owning hametz. According to Jewish law, all hametz should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. To make sure that we are not responsible for any hametz that remains in our homes after our cleaning and preparation for the holiday, we transfer the ownership of our remaining hametz, known or unknown, to a buyer who is not Jewish until the holiday ends.

It is traditional when selling one's hametz to make a donation. This season at Har Zion, we are partnering with the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in Philadelphia to support the efforts of the Jewish community in Warsaw that has absorbed over 1,000 Jews who have fled from the atrocities and horror in Ukraine. The JCC in Warsaw looks to host a Seder for those 1,000 victims, and our contribution as the Har Zion community will help to support the JDC Philadelphia and the JCC Warsaw in sponsoring this Passover Seder. This will be a beautiful, meaningful, and impactful way that our community can respond to the mandate of our Haggadah, "All who are hungry, come and eat." We are also glad to invite Sandy Katz, Senior Director of Strategic Relations at the JDC Philadelphia, to join us after Shabbat services on Friday evening, June 3. Sandy will have just returned from a visit with the Jewish community in Warsaw and will report to us about the needs and how the local community is fulfilling them with our support.

The procedure is simple. Please fill out the form below, listing any/all addresses for your residences, and return the form with the (optional) donation to Har Zion. 100% of the funds collected by Har Zion for this purpose will be given to the JDC to support the efforts of the Warsaw JCC to care for those who have fled Ukraine and to sponsor their Passover Seder.

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 Passover, which this year begins on Friday, April 15, and runs through Saturday, April 23 at 8:45 PM.**

Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____