



MECHIRAT CHAMETZ APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

If possible, all *chametz** should be eaten, destroyed, or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the *chametz* may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday, and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. If you would like Rabbi Simmons to take care of selling your *chametz*, please fill out this form.

It is also customary to make a donation for *Maot Chittim*—literally “wheat money”—so that those without means will be able to prepare for the holiday. This year, TBE will use your donations to support the programs of the Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services at the JCA.

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Rachel Simmons to act on my behalf to sell all *chametz*, as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, possessed knowingly or unknowingly by me, and to lease all places wherein *chametz* owned by me may be found. This transaction will be in effect from Wednesday, April 1st at 10:05am, until Thursday, April 9th at 7:59pm.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this,

the _____ day of _____, in the year 5786/2026.

Name _____

Address _____

Location of *chametz* (garage, white cabinet) _____

Signature _____

I enclose \$_____ for *Maot Chittim*.

Please make check payable to Temple Beth El.

*All donations will be sent to Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services
www.mainejewish.org/michael-klahr-jewish-family-services*

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*Leavened foods which are prohibited during Passover include wheat, barley, oats, spelt, and rye that have been allowed to rise. Customarily, Ashkenazi Jews have also included rice, millet, corn, and legumes (*kitniyot*) in this list. In 2015, the Committee of Jewish Law and Standards passed two responsa that permit the consumption of *kitniyot* for Ashkenazim.