

THE SALE OF CHOMETZ

Sale of *Chometz* to a non-Jew is a legally effective way to rid oneself of *Chometz*. Such a transfer of *Chometz*, through a legal and binding sale with a properly executed contract gives the non-Jew full title to all foods listed. For this sale to be binding, there are several necessary criteria:

1. **Sellers must understand and accept the absolute validity of the sale.** The goods are no longer theirs! Failure to accept such a premise would invalidate *any* bill of sale, including this one.
2. **The buyer must be able to access all of the chometz during Pesach.** If you will be away, you must leave a way for the buyer to access all locations where chometz is stored. This could include instructions about where to find a key or whom to contact for access. There is a space on this form to write such instructions. You may deposit a set of keys with the agent (Rabbi Davis) performing the sale.
3. This transfer may be carried out through appointing an agent (Rabbi Davis) with power of attorney to sell the *chometz* through *kinyan*, formal transfer act and contract. The significant act of *kinyan* should take place between each individual and the agent. Rabbi Davis will be available:
 - Sunday, April 6 8:45-9am, 10:15-10:30am, 7:15-7:30pm, 8-8:15pm
 - Monday, April 7 7:45am and 8pm (immediately following Shacharit and Ma'ariv)
 - Tuesday, April 8 7:45am and 7:15pm (immediately following Shacharit and prior to Mincha)
 - Additional days and times by appointment.
4. *Chometz* that has been sold must be put in a completely sealed-off place, not visible or readily accessible to the seller during *Pesach*. Any *Chometz* held over *Pesach* under Jewish ownership may not ever be used, eaten, or sold after *Pesach*.

If you use Rabbi Davis as your agent to sell your chometz and you have not been contacted by the buyer or Rabbi Davis by 9:30 p.m. Central Time, Thursday night, April 20, 2025, the buyer has reneged on the full payment and the *chometz* reverts to your ownership.

However, see below if you will be in a time zone other than Central Time immediately before or after Passover. Notify Rabbi Davis accordingly.

If you wish to sell your *chometz* through Darchei Noam, please fill out the back of this form and meet with Rabbi Davis. In case of true hardship, one can enact the sale by simply returning this form to Darchei Noam. It may be delivered in person or emailed by Wednesday, April 9 to darcheirabbi@gmail.com with subject line "CHOMETZ FORM." **Be sure you receive a response email from Rabbi Davis indicating he has received your form.** This method is only for those for whom an in-person meeting would be a genuine hardship.

Chag Kasher V'Same'ach – Wishing you a Kosher and Inspirational Passover!

If on the day BEFORE Passover, you will be in a time zone other than Central Time, your chometz will be sold as follows:

Eastern Time - 11am

Mountain Time - 11am

Pacific Time - 10am

If you will be in a time zone farther east than Eastern Time e.g. **Israel, Europe or farther east**, Rabbi Davis cannot sell your chometz this year. Please contact him for alternatives.

If at the end of Passover, you are in a time zone other than Central Time, unless notified otherwise, you may consume chometz sold through Rabbi Davis as follows:

Eastern Time – 10:30pm

Mountain or Pacific Time – Whenever Pesach ends in your specific location.

If you travel to **Israel, Europe or farther east** *during* Pesach, contact Rabbi Davis.

Authorization for the Sale of Chometz, Passover 2025 - 5785
Congregation Darchei Noam ~ St. Louis Park, Minnesota

I hereby authorize Rabbi Max Davis to act on my behalf and to sell all chometz that I own in accordance with prevalent Jewish custom. (The term "chometz" is defined by Talmudic law and includes chometz which I may own in full or in part through shares of stock in corporations, mixtures of chometz, as well as chometz adhering to the surface of cooking or eating utensils.) I also authorize Rabbi Max Davis to transfer all that has been mentioned and all of our livestock or animals for which we provide sustenance from chametz, wherever they may be found. He has the authority to sell them to whomever he wishes, in any manner of agreement that he wishes, whether by cash or credit, whether with guarantee or without guarantee, and even if the purchaser will not pay the agreed value except by acceptance of a loan, even this will be a valid sale. I also authorize Rabbi Davis to lease or sublease all places wherein this chometz may be found during Passover, especially in the premises located at the addresses below and elsewhere. Rabbi Davis has the full right to sell and to lease by transaction as he deems fit and proper and for such time as he believes necessary in accordance with Jewish law. I also authorize Rabbi Davis to appoint a substitute in his stead, with full power to sell and to lease as provided herein. These authorizations are in conformity with Torah laws and the laws of the State of Minnesota and the United States of America.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Printed Name _____

If you are away for the holiday, provide the location where a key will be kept or a contact number for someone with access to the key: _____

Locations of chometz to be sold:

ADDRESS(ES)	TYPE OF CHAMETZ (Groceries, Liquor, Toiletries, etc.)	LOCATION (Locked kitchen cabinets, spare fridge in garage etc.)	APPROX. VALUE \$

Continue on a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.