



SELLING CHOMETZ

During the *Yom Tov* of *Pesach*, beginning from *Erev Pesach*, it is prohibited to eat or possess *chometz*, as the Torah states (Shemos 12:15): "On the day before *Pesach* you shall get rid of all leaven from your house." *Chometz* may include items made from one or more of the five grains: wheat, barley, rye, oat or spelt. Examples of such items include: bread, cookies, crackers, noodles, beer, whiskey and grain vinegar. Even if a product contains only a small percentage of *chometz*, it may neither be eaten by nor be in the possession of a Jew during *Pesach*. Any *chometz* which was owned by a Jew during *Pesach* may not be benefited from even after *Pesach*. In order to observe this law, it is permissible to sell the *chometz* to a non-Jew prior to *Pesach* and then buy it back after *Pesach*. This transaction is known as *mechiras chometz*.

Mechiras chometz is done using a bill of sale. To assure that all legal requirements, according to both Torah and secular law, are fulfilled, it is customary to delegate power of attorney to a Rabbi for him to sell the *chometz*.

It is preferable to appoint a rabbi in person; however, if this is difficult, one may authorize a Rabbi by using the following document (The text was taken from the *Madrich Lakashrus*, Vol. 3 No. 13, written by Rabbi Sinai Halberstam, *shlita*).



DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Yisroel Rosskamm to act in my place and stead, and in my behalf to sell all *chometz* possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by The Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. *chometz*, doubt of *chometz*, and all kind of *chometz* mixtures). This includes *chometz* that tends to harden and to adhere to the inside surface of pans, pots or cooking and usable utensils, and all kinds of live animals that have been eating *chometz* or mixtures thereof, and to lease all places wherein the *chometz* owned by me may be found, especially in the premises located at _____ and elsewhere.

Rabbi Yisroel Rosskamm has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms and detailed forms as explained in the general authorization contracts which have been given this year to Rabbi Yisroel Rosskamm to sell the *chometz*.

This general authorization is made a part of this agreement. Also do I hereby give the said Rabbi Yisroel Rosskamm full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and to lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all Torah, Rabbinical regulations and laws, and also in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado and of the United States of America.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this day, ___ of the month of _____, in the year _____.

If you are planning to be away from home for *Pesach* and are leaving before the time for *Bedikas Chometz* and you would like your *Chometz* sold before the time of *Bedikas Chometz* on the 13th of *Nissan* indicate here.

Signature _____
Printed Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number (_____) _____
Email address _____@_____

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scrollk.org/chometz-sale/

The completed form may be returned to 245 S. Benton St.,
Lakewood, CO 80226 or office@scrollk.org.