

## SELLING YOUR *HAMETZ* – מכירת חמץ – PESAH 5779

### WHAT?

Jewish law prohibits Jews from using or legally possessing any *hametz* during Pesah. To ensure compliance with this norm, we may transfer title on any remaining *hametz* to someone who is not Jewish. This *hametz* becomes the property of the Gentile for the duration of Pesah, and should be set aside in a place where it will not be disturbed during the holiday. Rabbi Salzberg will be pleased to act as your agent for this transaction.

### HOW?

If you would like Rabbi Salzberg to sell your *hametz*, mail or fax (914-931-2199) this form back to the synagogue or bring it to the PJC in person. If you would like Rabbi Salzberg to perform this *kinyan* (acquiring your *hametz*) in person, please call Julia Coss to arrange a time. Note the following: It is permissible for one person to sell the *hametz* for an entire family. However, to teach the importance of this mitzvah, all members of the family are encouraged to sign this form. According to our tradition, one of the reasons that the Jews were taken out of Egypt was that they always remembered their Hebrew names. In that spirit all are encouraged to add a Hebrew signature when selling their *hametz*. (If you need help with your name, call the Rabbi.)

There is a long-standing tradition to make a donation to the synagogue's ***Maot Hittim*** (literally "Wheat Money") Fund. This Passover relief fund helps needy individuals, here and abroad, celebrate the holiday. Proceeds from the fund also provide youth scholarships to Jewish summer camps and Israel Programs. Please make checks payable to "**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.**"

### WHEN?

Completed forms must be received at the PJC **no later than Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.** Rabbi Salzberg will be selling the *hametz* by **Friday morning, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.** The Rabbi cannot be responsible for forms that arrive after this date and time. *Note that Rabbi Salzberg will arrange a post-Pesah hametz "buy back" on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 p.m. Do not use or unpack hametz before then.*

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### AUTHORIZATION OF PROXY 5779

We/I hereby authorize Rabbi Alex Salzberg of the Pelham Jewish Center to sell all *hametz* that may be in our/my possession. We/I understand that he will sell all *hametz* wherever it may be: at home, in my place of business, car or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law.

Name:

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Name in Hebrew:

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(If you do not know your Hebrew name, or need help in writing it, please call Rabbi Salzberg.)

Address:

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Please return this proxy to the PJC, 451 Esplanade, Pelham Manor, NY 10803 **no later than Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.**