

SELLING CHAMETZ POWER OF ATTORNEY

Please submit this form to Rabbi Zack or Rabbi Neuman by Thursday, April 10, 2025, and make donations payable to the RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND.

DECLARATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY:

I, the undersigned, fully empower Rabbi Howard Zack, or his appointed substitute, including Rabbi Ari Neuman, to act in my place and stead and on my behalf to sell all my *chametz* possessed by me knowingly or unknowingly, as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law, and to lease and empower someone else to lease all places in which *chametz* owned by me may be found - especially at:

1. _____
(Home Address) (City, State, Zip)
2. _____
(Office Address) (City, State, Zip)

Print Name: _____ Cell Phone (during Pesach): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

The chametz that I possess includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Type of <i>chametz</i> (e.g. liquor, groceries, medicine, etc.)	Exact Location (e.g. kitchen, living room, closets, etc.)	Approximate Value
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total Value		\$

IF YOU WILL BE AWAY FROM COLUMBUS, OH

Keys to the sold *chametz* can be found with: _____ at: _____.
(First Name Last Name) (Street, City, State, Zip)

Away for ANY PART of Pesach:

I will be in _____ when Pesach begins, and in _____ when it ends.
(City, State) (City, State)

Away for ALL of Pesach:

I specifically authorize Rabbi Howard Zack, or his appointed substitute, including Rabbi Ari Neuman, to sell all *chametz* located anywhere in my home at the above address and to lease and empower someone else to lease my entire home.

(Only if doing *bedikat chametz* at home on Thursday, April 10, 2025:

I wish to exclude the _____ room from the lease.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SELLING CHAMETZ INSTRUCTIONS

Aside from it being forbidden for Jews to eat *chametz* on Pesach, it is also patently forbidden to own any *chametz* on Pesach. *Chametz* owned by any Jew over Pesach is not kosher, and can never be eaten even after Pesach ends.

It is not sufficient to merely clean our living areas of *chametz* and sequester it away in some protected place, we must sell the remainder to a non-Jew.

The instructions for selling *chametz* are listed below, along with a Power of Attorney form which can be used to empower Rabbi Zack or Rabbi Neuman to sell *chametz* on behalf of interested congregants, or to sublet the home of someone who will be away for Pesach.

1. Fill in the document carefully, listing the approximate values for the various categories of *chametz* whenever possible. If uncertain of the value, please overestimate. List your workplace(s) as well.
2. Only items which contain *chametz*, or items which may contain *chametz*, can be sold. (Selling an item can be used as a tool to avoid researching its contents and edibility.) Dishes, however, should not be included and any item which clearly does not contain grain or grain derivatives should not be included.
3. Although the shul's sale works for all forms of *chametz*, some have a family custom or have personally adopted a custom not to sell *חמץ גמור* (absolute *chametz*, like bread, cake, oat or wheat cereal, cookies, pretzels, rolled oats, crackers, beer, and whisky), and instead to give it away, eat it, or burn it.
4. In order for the sale to be legitimate, the non-Jew who purchases our *chametz* must have access to the *chametz* during Pesach. If you plan to be away during Pesach, therefore, please leave a key with a neighbor, and note on the Power of Attorney document that neighbor's phone number or your own cell phone number.
5. **If you will not be home and are leaving it vacant during the entire holiday of Pesach**, and you wish to sublet your entire home in order to be free of the obligation to clean and check your home, you may do so as long as you fulfill the *mitzvah* of *bedikat chametz* – checking for *chametz* – in the place where you are staying for Pesach. You should complete and return the Power of Attorney document to Rabbi Zack or Rabbi Neuman by Thursday, April 10th, and be out of your home **before Shabbat, April 12th, 2025**. If extenuating circumstances determine that you will not be able to leave your home before Thursday evening, April 10th, or that you will not be able to perform a search on Thursday night, April 10th, at your Pesach destination, then Rabbi Zack or Rabbi Neuman will sublet your entire home but exclude one room from the sublease (as indicated in the Power of Attorney document below) so that you will be able to perform the *mitzvah* of *bedikat chametz* in that room.
 - a. If you are travelling east of Columbus, where the time for selling *chametz* is earlier than it is in Columbus, please make sure that this is noted on your Power of Attorney form. Rabbi Zack or Rabbi Neuman will arrange an earlier sale time for your *chametz*.
 - b. If you are travelling west of Columbus, where the end of Pesach will occur later than it does in Columbus, please make sure that this is noted on your Power of Attorney form. Rabbi Zack or Rabbi Neuman will delay the return of any *chametz* to your possession after Pesach ends.
6. The form must be signed by the legal renter/owner of the property where the *chametz* is stored, and by the legal owner of the *chametz*. When these are NOT the same person, both people should be involved in delegating the power of the attorney to Rabbi Zack or Rabbi Neuman, and should consult with one of them.
7. All forms must be completed by **personally** appointing Rabbi Zack or Rabbi Neuman as your agent, and by delivering your form to him.

If you are traveling away before Thursday, April 10th, 2025, and are doing *bedikat chametz* at your home or workplace prior to Thursday, April 10th, 2025, the *berakhah* is omitted.