

SELLING OF CHAMETZ 2019/5779

In traditional Jewish law, we are not allowed to possess *chametz*, leavened bread or leavening agents, during Passover. Some families have the tradition of changing over their dishes and really scrubbing down the whole house. However, not owning *chametz* could put many families at a disadvantage, economically, sustainability, environmentally. Therefore, the rabbis found a work-around. Any *chametz* left undisposed could be sold to someone not Jewish.

At Congregation Kneseth Israel, we do precisely that. I, as the Rabbi, act as our agent to carry out this complicated piece of Jewish and civil law. I will sell to the Rev. Jeff Mikyska of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church all of our *chametz*, in our **houses, cars, businesses, and synagogue**. I will then buy it back from the Rev. Mikyska within two hours of sundown after the 8th day of Passover.

As part of the sale, monies collected in the 'Rabbi's Discretionary Fund' for this purpose are donated in CKI's name to the Community Crisis Center, Elgin Cooperative Ministries, Food for Greater Elgin, Holy Trinity's Lunch Program, *Mazon* and *Ma'ot Chitim* of Chicago. This helps us build bridges in the community and "love our neighbors as ourselves."

I/WE, _____

HEREBY AUTHORIZE RABBI MARGARET FRISCH KLEIN TO ACT AS MY/OUR AGENT TO SELL ALL CHAMETZ LOCATED ON OUR PREMISES. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL RABBINIC AND TORAH LAWS.

HOME ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

CARS _____

PLEASE ALSO LIST ALL PETS, SINCE MOST PEOPLE DO NOT CHANGE OVER THEIR PET FOOD AND MOST PET FOOD IS GRAIN-BASED AND THEREFORE NOT KOSHER L'PESACH.

I/WE, _____

UNDERSTAND THAT THESE PRODUCTS ARE TO BE RE-PURCHASED FOR OUR USE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PASSOVER. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A CHECK FOR _____, MADE OUT TO 'CKI RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND', IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE MITZVAH OF 'MA'OT CHITIM' (GATHERING OF ALL WHEAT TO PROVIDE ALL JEWS WITH MATZAH).

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

RABBI FRISCH KLEIN NEEDS YOUR FORM BY **APRIL 19th before 10:00AM!**

HAVE A HAPPY, KOSHER, AND SWEET PESACH!

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