

SELLING OF CHAMETZ 2026/5786

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. Think about spring cleaning on steroids. However, not owning chametz could put many families at an economic disadvantage. Therefore, the rabbis found a work-around. Any chametz left undisposed of could be sold to someone not Jewish then repurchased after the holiday.

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. If you would like to participate in this ancient tradition, I will sell our chametz to Chaplain Ed Hunter all of our chametz, in our **houses, cars, businesses**, and the **synagogue**. I will then buy it back from the pastor 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 Centro de Informacion, Community Crisis Center, Elgin Cooperative Ministries, PADs, as well as Mazon and Ma'ot Chitim of Chicago. This helps us build bridges in the community and "love our neighbors as ourselves." Now, more than ever, these organizations need our help as they provide for the most vulnerable amongst us. "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

I/WE, _____

Hereby authorize Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein to act as my/our agent, to sell all chametz located on our premise. This is in accordance with all rabbinic and Torah laws.

Home Address _____

Business Address _____

Cars _____

Pets (since most people do not change over their pet food and most pet food is grain based and thus not Kosher for Passover.)

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 wheat in order to provide all Jews with matzah. This contract can also be emailed back to the rabbi at rabbi@ckielgin.org

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

RABBI FRISCH KLEIN NEEDS YOUR FORM BY

April 1st (No Joke!)

before 10:00 AM.

HAVE A HAPPY, KOSHER, AND SWEET PESACH!

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