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Temple Talk



Preparing for Pesach

By: Rabbi Tracy Nathan

Scott and I always say to each other thank goodness we have a *mitzvah* (sacred obligation) to rid our home of *chametz** for Pesach because otherwise, we would never clean our refrigerator or our pantry. I know that for some, the idea of cleaning one's kitchen so thoroughly for Pesach is a difficult burden; for us, it is an opportunity to clean in a way that feels like we are ridding ourselves of what is stale (literally and metaphorically) and making a fresh start.

Perhaps more than other holidays, the rituals of Pesach provide an opportunity for a deep level of personal engagement. Starting on page 8 is a guide that we hope will help you with the Pesach preparations and rituals that you decide to take on.

**Chametz* is any food prepared from leavened wheat, spelt, oats, barley, or rye.

Scott, Hanan, and I wish you a joyful and meaningful Pesach.

Ta'anit Bekhorot:

Fast of the First Born

Siyyum: Following Morning Minyan

Monday, April 18, 7:00 am

By: Rabbi Tracy Nathan

On the night the first born of the Egyptians were slain, the first born of the Israelites were saved. To remember the loss of the life and in gratitude for salvation, firstborn children fast on the day preceding Pesach. The fast begins at dawn on Monday, April 18, and the common practice is to break the fast in the morning at a *seudat mitzvah* (a celebratory meal) following a *siyyum*, the celebration of the completion of study of a unit of Torah, Mishnah, or Talmud. The *siyyum* creates a joyful atmosphere that pushes aside the requirement to continue the fast.

Whether first-born or not, ALL ARE WELCOME.

Shabbat Learning in April

This year, we will be learning Mishnah Pesachim Chapter 10 following Shabbat services and kiddush beginning March 26th. We will complete this chapter at the Siyyum on April 18th following morning minyan.

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At A Glance - Pesach Schedule

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| Mon | April 18, 7:00 am | Minyan and Siyyum for Ta'anit Bekhorot |
| Tues | April 19, 9:00 am | Pesach Day 1 Service |
| Tues | April 19, 6:30 pm | Community Seder |
| Wed | April 20, 9:00 am | Pesach Day 2 Service |
| Sat | April 23, 9:00 am | Chol HaMoed Pesach Shabbat Service led by Cantor Ellen Band |
| Mon | April 25, 6:45 am | Pesach Day 7 Service |
| Tues | April 26, 6:45 am | Pesach Day 8 Service with Yizkor |

Marks Remarks: A Prayer for those Suffering in Japan

by Mark Frydenberg

This prayer was composed by Rabbi Shai Held in 2004 following the devastating tsunami in South Asia.

Ruler of Creation, Master of the World

Have mercy on all those who are suffering from the raging waters and the storming waves.

Have compassion on Your creatures – Look, O Lord, and see their distress; Listen, God, and hear their cries.

Strengthen the hands of those who would bring relief, comfort the mourners, Heal, please, the wounded.

Grant us wisdom and discernment to know our obligations, and open our hearts so that we may extend our hands to the devastated.

Bless us so that we may walk in Your ways, "compassionate ones, children of compassionate ones."

Grant us the will and the wisdom to prevent future disaster and death;

Prevent plague from descending upon Your earth, and fulfill Your words,

"Never again shall there be another flood to destroy the earth."

Amen. So may it be your will.



PURIM Highlights

This year's Purim celebration began with a rockin' maariv sung by Joe Weintraub with his guitar. It speedily continued as Mark Frydenberg concluded the service.

The megillah reading was up next as was our updated slide show translation.

Something new this year took place when we reached chapter 7 of the megillah. We all stood up and took a 7th chapter stretch while "Sweet Caroline" played in the background.

Following the megillah reading we enjoyed lots of triangular refreshments including, chips and salsa, triangle cuts of cheese and crackers and the holiday favorite, hamentashin.

After our belly's were full, we held our "Hidden Talents" Talent Show. Genevieve Fosa was our Master of Ceremonies, Esther Keaney started the show on her flute, Merrill Griff worked his magic, Jim Baron blew his trumpet and tickled the ivories on his keyboard. He also surprised us with a few notes on the shofar. Michaela Baron performed a tap dance solo, Morris Hollender sang for us, Joe Weintraub sang and strummed a number on his guitar and Phyllis Werlin sang for us. Everyone received a perfect 10 from our very own Judge Marilyn Racette!



April Yahrzeits

| Plaque Loc. Name | Yahrzeit Date | Plaque Loc. Name | Yahrzeit Date |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 3-4 Elizabeth Rosenberg | 26-Mar Adar II 20 | 5-3 Gertrude Wolk | 24-Apr Nisan 20 |
| 4-4 David Goldstein | 28-Mar Adar II 22 | 3-4 Eli Weiner | 25-Apr Nisan 21 |
| 4-3 Patricia Wexler | 4-Apr Adar II 29 | 2-2 Samuel Goodman | 25-Apr Nisan 21 |
| 4-2 Ruth Etta Gans | 5-Apr Nisan 01 | 6-1 Belle Freedman | 26-Apr Nisan 22 |
| 4-1 Ethel Griff | 6-Apr Nisan 02 | 3-1 Nathan Sheer | 27-Apr Nisan 23 |
| 1-4 A. H. Sheer | 6-Apr Nisan 02 | 4-3 Ruth Seigler | 27-Apr Nisan 23 |
| 5-3 Dr. Rosa Kubin | 6-Apr Nisan 02 | Samuel Seidman | 27-Apr Nisan 23 |
| 5-3 Phillip Levine | 7-Apr Nisan 03 | 3-4 Ethel Stroum | 28-Apr Nisan 24 |
| Lillian Mallick | 8-Apr Nisan 04 | Jeanne Bloom | 28-Apr Nisan 24 |
| 4-2 John Jacobs | 8-Apr Nisan 04 | 3-1 Goldie Gammerman | 28-Apr Nisan 24 |
| 3-3 Louis Levine | 11-Apr Nisan 07 | 6-1 Anna Wolf | 29-Apr Nisan 25 |
| 4-1 Morris Trachtenberg | 12-Apr Nisan 08 | 2-1 Edith Canter | 1-May Nisan 27 |
| 4-2 Dr. Max Tauber | 12-Apr Nisan 08 | 4-2 Max Eisenberg | 1-May Nisan 27 |
| 6-4 Maurice Milesky | 12-Apr Nisan 08 | Victoria Sokoloff | 3-May Nisan 29 |
| 1-1 William Cohen | 12-Apr Nisan 08 | 5-3 Goldie Ramler | 4-May Nisan 30 |
| 2-1 Gedalia Chosed | 12-Apr Nisan 08 | 2-2 Nathan Kauffman | 4-May Nisan 30 |
| 3-3 Rose Israel | 13-Apr Nisan 09 | | |
| Barney Sokoloff | 13-Apr Nisan 09 | | |
| 2-1 Sara Cohn | 14-Apr Nisan 10 | | |
| 5-4 Madeline Sidell | 15-Apr Nisan 11 | | |
| 5-4 Sophia Rosenfield | 16-Apr Nisan 12 | | |
| 3-2 Morris Goldman | 17-Apr Nisan 13 | | |
| 2-1 Shana Chosed | 17-Apr Nisan 13 | | |
| Ida Koocher | 17-Apr Nisan 13 | | |
| 2-2 Mary Kaplan | 18-Apr Nisan 14 | | |
| 2-2 Ida Greenberg | 18-Apr Nisan 14 | | |
| 3-4 Gittle Edelman | 20-Apr Nisan 16 | | |
| 6-4 Myron Stroum | 21-Apr Nisan 17 | | |
| 2-1 Charles Cumenes | 21-Apr Nisan 17 | | |
| 5-1 Frances Hoffman | 22-Apr Nisan 18 | | |
| 1-4 Abraham Slatrow | 22-Apr Nisan 18 | | |
| 4-3 Lena Sheer | 23-Apr Nisan 19 | | |
| 3-2 Sonia Weiner | 23-Apr Nisan 19 | | |

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one listed above please send it along with a brief note of who you would like remembered to the Temple Office.

Community Passover Seder

Please join us for our community seder on Tuesday April 19 at 6:30 pm. Our seder will be filled with four questions, four cups of wine, favorite songs, familiar rituals, and family memories as we retell the story of slavery, and sing the songs of freedom. And some new readings and songs to keep everyone interested. We'll read most of Hagaddah in English, reciting familiar passages and songs in Hebrew, in order to make the seder accessible to everyone.

Our "mostly home cooked" dinner will include gefilte fish, matzah ball soup, chicken, and many other traditional Passover favorites. **See the flyer on page 6** for information on how to sign up or help out. Families with children, singles, elderly, and unaffiliated members of the greater Waltham community are all welcome.

April 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | | | | 1 6:51pm | 2 Tazria Shabbat Hakhodesh Member Led |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Board Meeting 6:30pm | 7 7pm - Hebrew Seminar and Discussion Group | 8 6:59pm | 9 Metzora Rabbi Tracy Nathan |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Kasher Kitchen after minyan 7pm - Hebrew Discussion Group | 15 7:07pm Friday Night Services—6:30pm | 16 Acharei Mot Shabbat Hagadol Rabbi Tracy Nathan |
| 17 | 18 Siyyum - 7am Passover - 1st Seder | 19 Morning Minyan 9am Passover - Community Seder | 20 Morning Minyan 9am | 21 7pm - Hebrew Seminar and Discussion Group | 22 7:15pm | 23 Chol Hamoed Cantor Ellen Band |
| 24 | 25 Morning Minyan 6:45am | 26 Morning Minyan 6:45am | 27 | 28 7pm - Hebrew Seminar and Discussion Group | 29 7:23pm | 30 Kedoshim Rabbi Tracy Nathan |

If not specified, Minyan - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is at 7:00am and on Saturday and Sunday at 9:00am

Friday Night Services

There will be Friday Night Services (no dinner) on April 15th at 6:30pm. Our next Shabbat evening dinners and service will be held on May 20th and June 17th.

We Need Minyanaires

Services are held at 7:00am on weekdays (except Tuesday) and at 9:00am on weekends & holidays.

Kaddish

We are not able to guarantee a minyan at each morning service, so if you need a minyan on a particular day to recite Kaddish, please let the Temple know at least 2 days prior.

My name is Steve Chilton. I don't think anyone from Temple Beth Israel ever realized it but on September 11, 2008, I was paralyzed (and left unable to speak) by a stroke. Miraculously (and partly because I was able to get to the hospital within a half hour), I recovered so well that I was able to make it to the Rosh Hashonah services (which I believe was around September 29th that year). It took on a particular sense of importance to me to be able to attend that year.

Since having my stroke in 2008, I have completed two 26.2 mile marathons (in Lowell) and am currently in training to fulfill a longstanding goal to run in the 2011 Boston Marathon (for my 60th birthday).

I have chosen to run the marathon with Tedy's Team, a team formed by former New England Patriot Tedy Bruschi who, like me, had a stroke but fully recovered - to raise money for the American Stroke Association and to increase stroke awareness. If you want to look for me, my bib number is 25176, and I will likely (subject to any extreme weather conditions changing this) be wearing a Tedy's Team shirt (blue with 54 on it), shorts and knee high black socks.

I will be dedicating my marathon run to (and wearing the names of) various stroke survivors connected to my donors and I would be happy to also dedicate my run to any stroke survivors that TBI members would like me to dedicate the run to, regardless of whether they are able to donate.

Please contact the Temple office if you would like additional information.

Save the Date

On Sunday, June 26th we will hold our Annual Meeting. This is an election year so we look forward to seeing you all here!

Donations

Get Well Edith Hollender from:

Lillian Etkind

Caryl Goldstein

Herb and Nessie Baron

Andrea, Jim and Michaela Baron, in memory of their Uncle Stanley Fleishman.

Herb and Nessie Baron, in memory of Stanley Fleishman.

Robert and Barbara Phelps, in memory of Harris Griff.

Diana Korzenik, in honor of Morris Hollender's Birthday.

Lillian Etkind, in memory of Hilda Jacob's sister.

Building Fund

Rabbi Tracy Nathan

Rabbi's Fund

Merrill and Carol Griff

Thank You

To Merrill and Carol Griff for sponsoring this years Siyyum on April 18th after morning minyan.

Hebrew Seminar and Discussion Group

Reading and translating passages from the weekly parshah.

Meets Thursday evenings at 7, in the Temple library.

This group is led by Genevieve Fosa



TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

**Tuesday, April 19
6:30 P.M.**

25 Harvard Street, Waltham

For reservations complete the registration below and return it before April 12th along with your total payment to: Temple Beth Israel, PO Box 540182, Waltham, MA 02454-0182

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Number of adults in party x \$30 = \$ _____

Number of children (10 - 18) in party x \$20 = \$ _____

Number of children under 10 (no charge) _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

We're planning to serve a home-cooked chicken dinner. Please let us know if you have special dietary requirements or require vegetarian meals.

I CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP ON THE DAY OF THE SEDER.

- ____ Set up. Plan to arrive by 5 p.m. on April 19th
- ____ Work in the kitchen, put out food, or serve.
- ____ Clean up, wash dishes, reset the social hall, etc.

I CAN BRING DECORATIONS FOR THE TABLE.

- ____ Candles/candlesticks
- ____ Seder Plate (empty)
- ____ Cup of Elijah
- ____ Matzah plate/cover
- ____ Flowers
- ____ Other: _____

Please RSVP BY APRIL 12, 2011

Reservations received after April 12th will be \$36 per person



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“KLEZMER - Lost and Found”

Jewish Musical Treasures

Featuring Hankus Netsky with members of the Klezmer Conservatory Band and students from the New England Conservatory

Sunday April 3 at 3PM

Temple Beth Israel

25 Harvard Street
Waltham, MA 02453

On Sunday April 3rd at 3PM, Temple Beth Israel will present Lost and Found - Jewish Musical Treasures, directed by Hankus Netsky, featuring members of the world-renowned Klezmer Conservatory Band and students from the New England Conservatory.



Hankus Netsky has selected a program of old favorites and recent discoveries. The concert will feature Yiddish, Hebrew, and Hassidic repertoire, including little-known melodies gathered from diverse sources such as the **Frydman family, Esther-Leah Marchette, the**

Barsh family klezmer band, and TBI member Morris Hollender. There will be dancing and kosher refreshments for all.

All ages are welcome to come and celebrate the spring season and the renewal of Jewish culture!



Music director Hankus Netsky is founder and director of the Klezmer Conservatory Band and Music Director for Itzhak Perlman's "In the Fiddler's House" and "Soul of Jewish Music" projects. He heads the Discovery Project at the National Yiddish Book Center and is chair of the Contemporary Improvisation Department at the New England Conservatory.

Tickets: \$15 Temple Members / Seniors / Students
\$20 Non-members

\$5.00 for children under age 15

Pesach Guide

(based on the Rabbinical Assembly's Pesach Guide)

Kashering of Kitchen Appliances and Utensils for Passover

It is customary and easiest to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, replacing them with those reserved for exclusive use on Pesach or with brand-new items. This is not feasible for major appliances and not always possible for dishes and utensils.

The general principle used in kashering is that the way the item absorbs food is the way it is purged of that food.

Metal: To kasher entirely metal pots, utensils, and silverware, after thoroughly cleaning, immerse in water that has been heated to a rolling boil (this is called *hag'alah*). After immersion, rinse with cold water. Pots and pans are either immersed in a larger pot of boiling water (for large items, this may be done one section at a time) or filled with water brought to a rolling boil and letting some of the water overflow to cover the sides of the pot.

Plastic: Heavy-duty plastic items – provided they can withstand very hot water – may be kashered by *hag'alah*.

Earthenware and Bakeware: Utensils used for baking during the year **cannot be used** because of the difficulty in kashering. Earthenware, enamelware and porcelain used during the year **cannot be used** on Pesach.

Glass: Drinking glasses used only for cold drinks may be kashered by either a simple rinsing or by soaking in water for three days (changing the water each day). Glass dishes that have been used for hot food may be kashered by cleaning and then immersing in boiling water. Glass bakeware **may not be kashered** for Pesach.

Dishwasher: If the sides of the dishwasher are made of enamel or porcelain, the dishwasher **cannot be kashered** for Pesach. In other cases, clean it as thoroughly as possible, including the inside area around the drainage and filters. Then run a full cycle with detergent while empty (with racks inserted). After 24 hours of not being used, the dishwasher is again run empty (with racks inserted) and set on the highest heat for the purpose of kashering.

Ovens and ranges: After cleaning the oven, the oven should be heated at maximum heat for an hour; the range top should be heated until the elements turn red and glow. Parts of the range top around the elements that can be covered should be covered (usually with aluminum foil) and carefully heated. For self-cleaning ovens, after a general cleaning, set it for a full cleaning cycle while empty. After the process, remove the ash.

For a smooth glass-top electric range, first clean the top of the range; then turn the coils on maximum heat until they are red-hot. Then carefully pour boiling water on the surface area, over and around the burners.

Microwave ovens that have no convection option should be cleaned. Then place an eight-ounce cup of water inside the oven and microwave until the water almost disappears. Do not heat until the water completely evaporates because this may cause damage. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

Convection ovens are kashered like regular ovens. When cleaning, be sure to thoroughly clean around the fan.

Countertops, Cabinets, and Sinks

Tables, cabinets, and counters should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesach (e.g. contact paper, regular paper, foil, cloth, plastic cut to size).

Many countertop surfaces can be kashered simply by a thorough cleaning, a 24-hour wait, and *iruy* (pouring boiling water over surfaces). For *iruy* to be effective for kashering, the surface must have no hairline cracks, nicks or scratches that can be seen with the naked eye. Plastic laminates, limestone, soapstone, granite, marble, glass,

glass, Corian, Staron, Ceasarstone, Swanstone, Surell, and Avonite surfaces can be kashered by *iruy*. A wood surface that does not contain scratches may be kashered by *iruy*. Ceramic, cement, or porcelain countertops **cannot be kashered** by *iruy*.

A metal kitchen sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and scrubbing the sink (especially the garbage catch), letting it sit for 24 hours, and then carefully pouring boiling water over all the surfaces of the sink, including the lip.

A porcelain sink **cannot be kashered** and should be thoroughly cleaned and used with Pesach dish basins and dish drains, one each for dairy and for meat.

Non-Passover dishes, pots, utensils, and *chametz* foods that have been sold (e.g. alcohol) should be covered or sealed away to prevent accidental use.

Foods for Passover

Wherever possible, processed foods ought to have a *kosher l'pesach hekhsher* from a reliable source.

Foods traditionally not eaten on Pesach:

Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, or coffees containing cereal derivatives (i.e. anything made with wheat, barley, oats, spelt, or rye). Any food containing these grains or derivatives of these grains (the five prohibited grains for Pesach) may not be eaten. Flavorings in foodstuffs are often derived from alcohol produced from one of these grains, rendering that food *chametz*. Such products require Pesach supervision.

Ashkenazi rabbinical authorities have added the following foods (*kitniyot*) to the above list of prohibited foods: rice, corn, soy, millet, beans, and peas. Although many rabbinic authorities have prohibited the use of peanuts and peanut oil, the Conservative Movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has permitted their use and consumption on Pesach, provided that these items have proper kosher certification and do not contain any *chametz* ingredients. Most Sephardic authorities permit the use of all the *kitniyot* foods other than those that might have come in contact with the prohibited grains (*chametz*). Most Ashkenazi rabbinical authorities also forbid processed products derived from *kitniyot*. These might include corn sweetener, corn oil, soy oil, and ascorbic acid. Israeli products are often marked "contains *kitniyot*" and thus, Ashkenazi Jews who do not use *kitniyot* need to be aware of this when purchasing Israeli products for Pesach.

Even Ashkenazi Jews who follow customs of avoiding eating *kitniyot* do not need to rid their homes of *kitniyot* or sell the *kitniyot*.

Permitted Foods

The following foods require no "*kosher l'pesach*" label when purchase before or during Pesach: uncut fresh fruits and vegetables; eggs; fresh fish; fresh or frozen kosher meat other than chopped meat; whole (un-ground) spices and nuts; pure black, green, or white tea leaves or teabags; coffee (unflavored); baking soda; bicarbonate of soda.

The following items may be purchased before Pesach without a "*kosher l'pesach*" *hekhsher* but if purchased during Pesach require a *hekhsher*: white milk; Tropicana 100% orange juice; filleted fish; frozen fruit (with no additives); pure white sugar; olive oil (extra-virgin only); non-iodized salt; quinoa (with no additional ingredients).

The following products require reliable *kosher l'pesach* certification whether purchased before or during Pesach: all baked goods (matzah, Pesach cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any other products containing matzah); 100% fruit juices, herbal teas; canned tuna; wine; vinegar; liquor; decaffeinated coffee and tea; dried fruits; oils; frozen uncooked vegetables and all frozen processed foods; candy; chocolate milk; ice cream; yoghurt; cheeses; butter; soda. For Sephardic Jews, the presence of *kitniyot* in some of these products does not present a problem, as long as there is no *chametz*.

The Temple kitchen will be kashered for Pesach on Thursday, April 14th and will not be available for use except for preparation for the Community Seder on April 19th.

בְּדִיקַת חֵמֶץ

Bedikat Hametz Search for Hametz

Night of Sunday, April 17th

On the night before Pesach, we have the custom of searching by the light of a candle or flashlight and using a feather to sweep up the *chametz* into a paper bag. Place a known number of bread pieces – each on a piece of paper towel or napkin – in one or several rooms. Before the search begins, those who will conduct the search recite the following formula:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל בְּעוֹר חֵמֶץ.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu al bi-ur hameitz.

Blessed are you, Adonai, our God, sovereign of the universe, who has sanctified us through your commandments, commanding us to remove all chametz.

After the search, recite the following formula which annuls all *chametz* not found and save the bag for burning the next morning, no later than 11:00 AM.

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָה דְאַכָּא בְּרִשׁוּתֵי דְלָא חֲמִתָּהּ וְדְלָא בְּעֵרְתָּהּ וְדְלָא יִדְעָנָא לָהּ לְבַטֵּל וְלֵהוּי הַפְּקָר
כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.

Kol chamira vakhami-ah d'ika virshuti d'la khamiteih ud'la vi-arteih ud'la y'dana leih libateil v'lehevei hefkeir k'afra d'ara.

All the sourdough and chametz in my possession that I have not seen and not eradicated is hereby nullified and ownerless like the dust of the earth.

בְּעוֹר חֵמֶץ

Biur Chametz –Burning the Chametz

Take the paper bag filled with the searched-for *chametz* (and if you have searched with a wooden spoon and feather, place these in the bag as well). Burn these items by 11:00 am the morning of the first seder. Burning it in an empty garbage can is safe and one should not use any kind of accelerant, e.g. gasoline. You may burn your *chametz* at Temple Beth Israel following minyan on Monday, April 18th. As the *chametz* burns, recite the following formula:

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָה דְאַכָּא בְּרִשׁוּתֵי דְלָא חֲמִתָּהּ וְדְלָא בְּעֵרְתָּהּ וְדְלָא יִדְעָנָא לָהּ לְבַטֵּל וְלֵהוּי
הַפְּקָר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.

Kol chamira vachami-ah d'ika virshuti dachaziteih ud'la chaziteih, dachamiteih ud'la chamiteih, d'vi-arteih ud'la vi-arteih, libateil v'lehevei hefkeir k'afra d'ara.

All the sourdough and chametz in my possession that I have not seen and not eradicated is hereby nullified and ownerless like the dust of the earth.

Latest time for eating hametz on Monday, April 18 is 9:55 am.

Mechirat Hametz: Selling of Hametz

In addition to the mitzvah of not eating *chametz* during Pesach, Jews are also not to possess *chametz* during Pesach. For many Jews that demand was been met by removing all hametz from one's home and property and either disposing of it or giving it to a non-Jew or a food pantry that serves non-Jews. This began to change when Jews began working in the production and sale of liquor that was made from fermented grain. These Jews – and other merchants who dealt in any chametz-based items – faced a possible large monetary loss during Pesach.

To address this situation, the rabbis found a halakhic way to provide a way to sell *chametz* to a non-Jew for just the Pesach period. This sale had to be legally binding (the non-Jew takes ownership during Pesach) but also provide a simple way of returning the *chametz* after the end of Pesach – and without much financial loss. Although this originally applied to those who held large amounts of *chametz*, *Mechirat Chametz/Selling of Leaven*, became widespread when modern Jews began to store more food and keep bottles of liquor that could be expensive and they too might suffer financial loss (though I supposed Purim gives us the change to “dispose” of these items in a more enjoyable way than a deed of sale!).

If you wish to sell your *chametz*, you may authorize Rabbi Nathan to be your agent prior to the beginning of Pesach. Our sale will be conducted with the Mayor of the City of Waltham. Please complete the form below.

It is customary to use this as an opportunity to give tzedakah.

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR MECHIRAT CHAMETZ

Note: If possible, all chametz should be eaten or removed before the holiday begins. Should this be financially difficult, the chametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends.

Please complete this form, which must be received by mail no later than Thursday, April 15, to make sure it gets to the Rabbi in time. You may deliver it to the Rabbi in person by 7:00 am, Monday, April 18.

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Tracy Nathan to act in my behalf to sell all *chametz* possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein *chametz* owned may be found. Rabbi Tracy Nathan has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in the rabbi. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins with sundown of Monday, April 18 and runs through nightfall of Tuesday, April 26.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year 2011.

Signed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

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