

Form for Selling Your *Chametz* with Rabbi Hillel Skolnik – Passover 5777-2017

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Over the course of the eight days of Passover, we are commanded both to not eat *chametz*, or leaven, and to possess no leaven in our households. In olden times, Jews would literally break their pots so as not to be in possession of household items that were considered *chametz* during Passover. Clearly, this would not be a practical solution for our times. Luckily, the rabbis created a mechanism by which all of our things that we use year round would remain in our homes but not be in our possession during Passover. That mechanism is the selling of a person's *chametz*. By filling out the information and signing below, you authorize me to be your agent in the selling of the *chametz* in your home. It does not mean that these things need to be packaged and shipped to the synagogue or anywhere else, though they should be put out of sight somewhere in your house for the duration of the holiday. It does mean that for the dates listed below, your *chametz* items will technically not belong to you. And then, with the end of the Passover, these items will once again become yours with no strings attached. I recognize that this is a somewhat confusing practice and would be happy to answer any further questions you might have by email – rabbi@sojc.org. Please be sure to return this form by **Friday, April 7** either to the SOJC office, or to the labeled folder in my box.

One final note: It is my honor to act as the selling agent for anyone who wishes to partake in this important *mitzvah* and to do so free of charge. It has, though, long been the practice in Jewish communities that a donation is made, most often to the Rabbi's discretionary fund, as a token of appreciation.

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Hillel Skolnik of the Southwest Orlando Jewish Congregation (address listed above) to act on my behalf to sell all *chametz*, all leaven, possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein *chametz* owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Passover beginning at 9 AM on April 10, 2017 and continues until 8:36 PM on April 18, 2017. And to this I hereby affix my signature as dated below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____