



שטר הרשאה תשפ"ו

The Torah instructs us to have no Chometz (non-Pesach grain products) in our possession during the holiday. We are also charged to destroy our Chometz prior to the holiday. So, if all the Chometz that you own is one slice of bread and you burn it on Pesach eve, then you have fulfilled the commandments that relate to owning and destroying Chometz.

Many of us have more than one slice of bread and would like some way of not destroying it all. The institution of selling our Chometz to a non-Jew prior to the holiday is a convenience that our Rabbonim made for us. The sale must be a full and valid sale. It is not a charade. If not done properly, then the Chometz is still in our possession and we not in compliance with the Torah. This is why we have a knowledgeable Rav do it. The sale is done in a way so that the non-Jew should be able to get to it and keep it, if he/she wants. If the non-Jew decides to keep it, then he/she must fully pay for it after the holiday.

Typically (universally in practice), the non-Jew winds up making a small profit from the entire transaction by not keeping it and by re-selling it back right after the holiday. The accepted practice for at least the past hundred years has been to appoint the Rav as an agent to sell the Chometz on one's behalf. Although simply telling the Rav "I appoint you as my agent to sell my Chometz to a non-Jew" is sufficient, the practice is to demonstrate our seriousness of intent of our appointment of the Rav as our agent by two acts:

- We fill out a form (the attached "Shtar Harshaah"), which states that we are appointing and authorizing the Rav as our agent to sell the Chometz. This form includes sections for name, address, locations of Chometz in the house and estimated the value of the Chometz.
- We engage in what is called a "Kinyan Sudar" (literally, an acquisition done by a cloth) with the Rav. This involves the Rav handing a garment or "utensil" (usually a handkerchief or pen) to the client and then client lifting the garment or utensil. NOTE: This act is NOT to transfer ownership of your Chometz to the Rav. This is simply an act of sincerity in appointing the Rav as your agent.

Those who will be away for Pesach and are electing to rent or lease their homes to the non-Jew in order to exempt themselves from Bedika, may not let the house be used for Pesach.

It is customary (not obligatory) to make a donation to the Rav for the Rav's extra Pesach expenses. The sale must be made by mid-morning of Pesach eve. When Pesach eve is Shabbos the sale must be made by the mid-morning of Friday. After Pesach the Chometz should not be used until one hour after Yom Tov.



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I, the undersigned: _____
(Print full name)

Residing at: _____

Appoint Rabbi Boruch Hirschfeld to sell to anyone he chooses, all or any of the following items that I may own or have responsibility for:

- 1) Chometz
- 2) Mixtures of Chometz
- 3) Items prepared with Chometz
- 4) Anything else that Jewish religious law forbids me to own or have responsibility for on Pesach

Note: This includes, but is not limited to, such items as breads, cakes, cereals, alcoholic beverages, medicines, and perfumes. The above items are found primarily at the above address, (preferably add here the exact location(s) in the house):

And possibly elsewhere, (if one knows of Chometz located elsewhere, add location(s) here):

(I would estimate the value of the above mentioned items at \$ _____)

I also authorize Rabbi Hirschfeld to lease without restriction all or any property wherein the above items are found. The key to these premises is available to purchaser at: (address)

FOR THOSE RENTING HOUSES OUT OR PARTS OF HOUSES TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES OF BEDIKAH:

In order to relieve myself from the religious obligation of Bedikas Chometz in the following areas, I want them to be leased to a gentile. Those areas are:

I also authorize all Rabbonim who participate in the Community Chometz Sale to do all of the above. If any part of what is mentioned in this document is invalid, it shall not invalidate the rest.

Signed: _____

Date: _____