

SALE OF CHAMETZ

The Torah prohibits us from owning any type of chametz during the festival of Pesach (Passover). In principle, a person has the option of consuming all his chametz before Pesach, giving it away, destroying it or renouncing all ownership of it. In practice it is often not possible to dispose of all the chametz before Pesach, nor can a person be relied upon to genuinely renounce ownership of a significant amount of chametz. Moreover, a person may have chametz in his possession of which he is unaware.

As a response to this situation the practice of 'Selling the Chametz' began nearly two thousand years ago during the time of the Mishnah. Originally, each person would sell their own chametz to a non-Jew and there would be an exchange of goods and money. Nowadays, in order to ensure that all the legal requirements of a contract of sale are satisfied, people usually make the Rabbi their agent for selling the chametz to a non-Jew. After Pesach the Rabbi buys back the chametz though this is not made a specific condition of sale. It should be noted that any unsold chametz, which remains in one's possession during Pesach, is prohibited for use afterwards.

In order to ensure that no chametz remains in your possession over Pesach **please fill in the form overleaf**, sign it and fax/mail it to me as soon as possible but in any event, **NO LATER THAN 7th APRIL 2020**, or if you would like to see me personally for this purpose, please call me at the office to arrange a convenient time.

My very best wishes for a happy and kosher Pesach,

Yours sincerely,

Rabbi Barry Lerer

The following items are chametz that should not be in one's possession over Pesach.

1. Whisky, Beer, Gin and **all** other alcoholic drinks not supervised for Pesach.
2. Matzos and matzo meal not supervised for Pesach.
3. Any product containing malt, malt vinegar, dextrin, glucose or wheat flour.
4. Any flour.
5. Powdered soups if not specifically Kosher for Pesach.
6. All cereals, custard powder, baked beans, yeast extracts, marmite.
7. Chocolates and sweets not supervised for Pesach.
8. Halva, Falafel, tinned fish in tomato sauce.
9. Gripe water, Senepods, Lift (Lemon Tea)
10. Coffee mixtures with barley, malt and barley drinks.
11. Nearly all non-supervised toothpastes have wheat content and are therefore chametz. (Passover supervised toothpaste is available in most kosher shops).



