



**THE SALE OF CHOMETZ**

On Pesach it is forbidden to keep "Chometz", its mixtures and/or derivatives in one's possession. All "Chometz" not destroyed before the morning before Pesach must be sold to a non-Jew. This sale must be in strict accordance with Jewish law and is therefore conducted by a Rabbi well-versed in the particular requirement necessary.

B'dikas Chometz takes place Sunday evening, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. The formal sale of Chometz to a non-Jew takes place mid-morning of Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. The Rabbi should be empowered to sell the Chometz well before this time.

Please note the procedure for the sale of Chometz:

1. The Rabbi is appointed as an agent of the seller of the Chometz to sell it to a non-Jew. The areas where the Chometz is stored are also leased to the non-Jew and Chometz being sold should therefore be stored in an appropriately segregated area. The non-Jew must be granted free access the Chometz he purchases.
2. This procedure is a bona fide sale in accord with Talmudic and secular law.
3. It is prohibited to derive any benefit from Chometz which has been kept in possession of a Jew during Pesach. Therefore, care should be taken to obtain Chometz after Pesach from someone who has sold his Chometz prior to Pesach. If in doubt in a particular case, one should delay before buying from the Jew until one is reasonably certain that a new stock of Chometz has been acquired.
4. Should one receive or even inadvertently acquire Chometz or find Chometz in one's premises during Chol Hamoed, the Chometz should be burned (or destroyed). If received or found on Yom Tov, then handling it is prohibited since it is muktzeh. One should cover it with a vessel until the end of Yom Tov and then burn it.

Please contact your local orthodox Rabbi directly to organise the selling of your Chometz or you may complete the form below and mail it to the Kosher Australia office.

**MECHIRAS CHOMETZ 5771 - DELEGATION OF POWER FOR SALE OF CHOMETZ**

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Mordechai Gutnick to act in my place and stead and on my behalf to sell all Chometz possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law (e.g. Chometz, possible Chometz and all kinds of Chometz mixtures). Also Chometz that tends to harden and adhere to inside surfaces of pans, pots or cooking and usable utensils, and all kinds of live animals and pets that have been eating Chometz or mixtures thereof. He is also empowered to lease all places wherein or whereon the Chometz owned by me may be found, particularly in the premises located at: \*

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.....and elsewhere.

\* List home, business, holiday home addresses as applicable.

Rabbi Mordechai Gutnick has full right to appoint any agent or substitute in his stead and said substitute shall have full right to sell and lease as provided herein. This power is in conformity with all Torah, Rabbinic and Civil laws.

Name:.....

Signed:..... Date.....

Address:.....

Email..... Phone:.....

Please note: If you use this form it is not technically necessary to personally empower the Rabbi in his presence. Please send this form to Kosher Australia Pty Ltd, C/- Rabbi Mordechai Gutnick, Rabbinic Administrator, 81 Balaclava Road, Caulfield North 3161 or it can be scanned and emailed to [rabbi.mordechai.gutnick@kosher.org.au](mailto:rabbi.mordechai.gutnick@kosher.org.au) marked 'Sale of Chometz Form' or faxed to (03) 9527 5665.

**Because of mail hold-ups, it is strongly recommended that this form should not be mailed later than Monday, April 11, 2011 or it can be hand-delivered to the Kosher Australia office or left in the letterbox, at 81 Balaclava Road, Caulfield, by Wednesday, April 13, 2011**