

# Tikvat Israel Congregation

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Chaverim,

The days have grown longer, and the sun feels warmer on the face. Passover is near.

1. **Sale of chametz** – a form is included in this mailing. *Chametz* “is translated as leavened bread and refers to food prepared from five species of grain – wheat, barley, oats, spelt, and rye – that has been allowed to leaven.... The rule against leaven applies not only to its consumption but also to enjoying any benefit thereof and even to its possession. Therefore, before the arrival of Passover, all leaven must be removed from one’s premises. Nor should one have leaven in his legal possession. In a simple economy, not having any leaven in one’s legal possession was easily accomplished. If by chance a bit of leaven was left, it could be disposed of with relative ease. When the economy became more complex, a new solution had to be found – selling one’s *chametz* to a non-Jew for the duration of Passover.” (From R. Isaacs, *Every Person’s Guide to Passover*).

Addressing the qualms many people have about this procedure, Tracey R. Rich of *Judaism 101* writes, “I have noticed that many non-Jews and non-observant Jews mock this practice of selling chametz as an artificial technicality. I assure you that this sale is very real and legally binding, and would not be valid under Jewish law if it were not. From the gentile’s perspective, the purchase functions much like the buying and selling of futures on the stock market: even though he does not take physical possession of the goods, his temporary legal ownership of those goods is very real and potentially profitable.”

2. **The Fast of the Firstborn** is observed on the day before Passover. It commemorates the salvation of the Israelite firstborns during the tenth of the ten plagues when “God struck every firstborn in the Land of Egypt.” It is a universal custom to break the fast at a *siyyum*, a celebration occasioned by the completion of study of a classical text. This year the *siyyum* will take place after *Shacharit* services on Monday, April 18. Services that morning begin at 6:45 am.
3. Please note too that between the *Mincha* (Afternoon) service and the *Maariv* (Evening) Service on Monday, April 25, we will recite the *Yizkor* service.
4. Finally, it is not too late to ask for a place at a *seder*. We would be happy to find you an eager host.
5. The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism publishes an annual Passover Guide. You can download it at <http://rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/kashrut/pesahguide5771.pdf> or call the office and request that a copy be mailed to you.

Pam joins me in wishing you a *Chag Kasher v'Sameach* – a Passover that will not only comply with the laws but that will be, as well, truly joyous and uplifting.

Rabbi Howard Gorin  
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1 Nisan 5771

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## Delegation of Power of Attorney/Authorization of Agent To Sell Chametz – Pesach 5771

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (seller/s) fully empower and permit Rabbi Howard Gorin, or any substitute agent he may designate, to act as my agent and in my behalf to sell all my *chametz* and *chametz* mixtures as defined by Torah and Rabbinic Law (i.e. *products and/or mixtures containing wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt, or their derivatives and not labeled kosher for Passover*) as well as all *chametz* and /or mixtures containing *chametz* that is in my possession in any other location, whether or not I am aware of such *chametz* (including all transit goods that should be delivered to me during the period from midday April 18, 2011, until April 26, 2011, inclusive) to a non-Jew of his choice; and to lease all places wherein the *chametz* owned by me may be found, especially in the premises located at:

Address (Primary): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address (Others): 1) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Rabbi Gorin has full power to sell and to lease by transactions as he deems fit and proper for such times as he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms and forms according to Jewish law. Also, I do hereby give Rabbi Gorin full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and lease. This is meant to conform with all the Torah and Rabbinic regulations and laws and also to be in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and the United States of America.

The buyer shall have free access to the *chametz* and/or mixtures containing *chametz* acquired by him/her. The keys to access these premises will be (choose one):

with me at the primary address above       available at the following address:

Description of Chametz	Approx. Value	Location (within above address, i.e. kitchen, office)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

This authorization of agent for the sale and rental mentioned above is accepted and attested to by my signature

affixed on the \_\_\_\_ day of Nisan 5771 corresponding to the \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2011.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

It is customary to give a monetary donation to be used to feed the poor. You may make your check out to Tikvat Israel Rabbi's Fund and bring it with your form or mail it to the office (after you have gotten in your form to us), or you may use the "Bill Me" option:

Amount Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ or Bill Me \_\_\_\_\_ (Check if applicable)

# ***"All who are hungry, let them come and eat"***

*Chaverim,*

Every year, as Jews all over the world gather around Seder tables to tell the story of our Exodus from Egypt, we read the words "All who are hungry, let them let them come and eat." We recline, drink the four cups of wine, and celebrate freedom, community and the infinite opportunities Adonai has offered to us. It is a mitzvah that is most joyful when it is shared with others. If you do not have a Seder to go to, or if you have room at your Seder for others, please fill out the form below by **April 11 2011**, and return it to the office, or contact Hope Levy Kott at (301) 921-8268 or by e-mail at [hkott@aol.com](mailto:hkott@aol.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number/e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! We would like to host up to \_\_\_\_\_ people on Monday, April 18, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! We would like to host up to \_\_\_\_\_ people on Tuesday, April 19, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! We would like to attend a Seder on \_\_\_\_\_ Monday and/or \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.

Please indicate the names and ages (of children) of all who will be attending:

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Please indicate as well if your family:

\_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_ does not observe the Sephardic custom of eating kitniyot or legumes.

\_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_ does not keep Kosher.

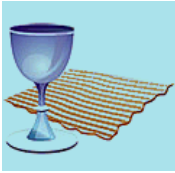
\_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_ does not eat exclusively vegetarian meals.

\_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_ does not observe traditional Yom Tov restrictions.

Conducts/prefers the Seder mostly in English \_\_\_\_\_ or mostly in Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us anything else your host would need to know (allergies, etc.):

Thank you in advance for participating in our shared celebrations.



# **Pesach 5771**

## **Schedule of Religious Services at Tikvat Israel (with Chametz and Candlelighting Times for Rockville, MD)**



### **Sunday, April 17**

Shacharit – 9:30 am

Maariv – 7:30 pm

*Bedikat Chametz* (Search for Chametz) – after 8:30 pm

### **Monday, April 18 – Erev Pesach**

Shacharit and *Siyyum Bekhorim* – 6:45 am

No chametz may be eaten after 10:30 am

Sell, Burn and/or Nullify Chametz – before 11:45 pm

Candlelighting – 7:31 pm

First Seder

### **Tuesday, April 19 – First Day of Pesach**

Shacharit – 9:30 am – Includes *Tal* (Prayer for Dew)

Candlelighting after 8:33 pm

Second Seder and the First Night of Counting the Omer

### **Wednesday, April 20 – Second Day of Pesach**

Shacharit – 9:30 am

Mincha / Maariv – 7:30 pm

### **Thursday, April 21 – Hol Hamoed Pesach**

Shacharit – 6:30 am

Maariv – 7:30 pm

### **Friday, April 22 – Hol Hamoed Pesach / Erev Shabbat**

Shacharit – 8:00 am

Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv – 6:30 pm

Candlelighting – 7:35 pm

### **Saturday, April 23 – Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesach**

Shacharit – 9:30 am – Includes *Shir HaShirim* (Song of Songs)

Mincha – 6:30 pm

### **Sunday, April 24 – Hol Hamoed Pesach / Erev Yom Tov**

Shacharit – 9:00 am

Mincha / Maariv for Yom Tov – 7:30 pm

Candlelighting – 7:36 pm

### **Monday, April 25 – Seventh Day of Pesach**

Shacharit – 9:30 am

Mincha – 7:30 pm, followed by Yizkor

Maariv – begins after 8:15 pm

Candlelighting after 8:37 pm

### **Tuesday, April 26 – Eighth Day of Pesach**

Shacharit – 9:30 am – Includes Yizkor service

Mincha – 7:45 pm, followed by study session, Maariv and Havdalah