

## Pesach Hospitality

If you are able to host guests for either of the Sedarim, please contact **Samantha Vaughan** on 07973 526 624 or **Ruth Glatman** on 07970 943 275 or [zrglatman@gmail.com](mailto:zrglatman@gmail.com). Please also contact Samantha or Ruth if you need Seder hospitality, or know someone who does.

## Shul Office

The Shul office will be closed for Pesach from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May inclusive.

## Pesach Fund and Gemach

Meeting the cost of Pesach can be challenging. Each year we assist a number of families in our community, in the local area and in Israel to make Pesach. Donations can be made by cheque - including charity cheques – made payable to United Synagogue, by bank transfer or by card. Please contact **Joanna** in the Shul office (020 8455 2460 or [office@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:office@ggshul.org.uk)) to make your donation. If you do leave a donation with one of our rabbis or at the office, please mark it 'Pesach Fund'. Thank you in advance. The Shul also has a Gemach fund to help members in financial need; if you know someone who may benefit from this but may not feel able to ask, please email in confidence to [gemach@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:gemach@ggshul.org.uk). To donate to the vital work of **United Synagogue Chesed** – which helps so many people in the community and beyond – please donate to now at [www.charityextra.com/uschesed/ggs](http://www.charityextra.com/uschesed/ggs). All donations made until this Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April will be doubled.

## Introductory Notes to *Mechirat Chametz* - Sale of Chametz 2024

Torah law prohibits eating and owning *Chametz* during Pesach. Rabbinic law mandates that *Chametz* owned by a Jew during Pesach may not be consumed even after Pesach. **In London, the final time on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 for eating Chametz is 10.36am and the final time for nullifying Chametz is 11.48am on that day.**

*Chametz* may be sold to a non-Jew in a manner that is legally valid in both Jewish and English law. For the duration of Pesach, the *Chametz* is stored in a designated secure room or cupboard that is rented to the non-Jew. Provided the sale conforms to the necessary Halachic and legal requirements, the *Chametz* products become the legal and Halachic property of the non-Jew purchaser, avoiding both the transgression of Jewish ownership of *Chametz* over Pesach and any resulting prohibition after Pesach. At the end of Pesach, assuming the non-Jew owner agrees, the *Chametz* will be repurchased. Owing to the complexity of the Halachic requirements involved, one empowers one's Rabbi to make the necessary arrangements to ensure its validity and authenticity.

Please complete the sale of *Chametz* form and deliver it to Rabbi Laitner via [rabbilaitner@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:rabbilaitner@ggshul.org.uk) or to the shul office via [office@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:office@ggshul.org.uk) as an attachment or image. If this is impossible, please post / deliver the form to Golders Green Synagogue, 41 Dunstan Road, London, NW11 8AE as soon as possible. The form must arrive **by 2pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April (note office closure dates above)**. If you wish to organise your sale of chametz with Rabbi Laitner in person, he will be available around Minchah & Ma'ariv (**7.30pm**) on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays until 17 April, and at the koshering facility on 18 April, or by arrangement.

- Any *Chametz* to be sold must be stored in designated rooms or cupboards. The cupboards containing the *Chametz* may not be accessed during Pesach.
- It is correct, if possible, to include a rough listing of the products to be sold as well as an approximate total value. Space is provided on the form for this purpose.
- For those travelling to Israel or anywhere else in a different time zone, please note this on the form. This is so that the sale can be organized at a time corresponding to the earlier commencement of the *Chametz* prohibition. Arrangements to repurchase the *Chametz* will not take place until a while after Yom Tov concludes in London on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15pm BST**. Please bear this in mind if you will be in Israel for Yom Tov, as until this time, the Chametz remains the property of the non-Jewish purchaser. If you are travelling westwards for Pesach, please consult with the Rabbi.
- The sale is scheduled to take place on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April or Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**.

**Rabbi Laitner** may be contacted on 07540 702 452 or at [rabbilaitner@ggshul.org.uk](mailto:rabbilaitner@ggshul.org.uk) to answer questions about the sale of chametz or any other Pesach-related matter, as may **Rabbi Fromson** at the number above.



**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I/We..... hereby appoint and fully empower Rabbi Michael Laitner to act as my/our agent to sell all *Chametz* and *Chametz*-related products in my/our possession (as defined in the *shtar harsha'ah*\*) as on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April or on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at the time of the sale. The following is a partial listing of the items to be sold:

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I/We will be spending Pesach in (circle as appropriate): UK ISRAEL OTHER .....

Approximate total value: £..... (please remember to include spirits)

I/We wish Rabbi Laitner to lease the designated places at the residential/business addresses indicated below where the *Chametz* is stored (e.g. cupboard, room, storage area), on my/our behalf. (If there are more than three addresses, please use a second form).

Address 1: .....

Location(s) of Chametz:.....  
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Address 2: .....

Location(s) of Chametz:.....  
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Address 3: .....

Location(s) of Chametz:.....  
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Contact phone number.....

I/We hereby authorise Rabbi Laitner to act on my/our behalf and empower him to do all that is required, as he deems fit, to ensure that the sale is valid both in English law and in Jewish law. I/we also make any Agreement of Sale (*shtar mechirah*) that he may use for this purpose part of this authorisation.

SIGNED.....DATE..../..../2024

\*The document describing the sale of *Chametz*