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Dear Friends:

On Passover, we celebrate our festival of freedom, the season on which our ancient ancestors joined with God to assert their right to become the first nation in human history under God. This holiday is both political and religious. It is political because each Jew is a right bearing card carrying member of the Jewish nation. This sense of belonging is due to religion, to the Torah that teaches that one remains free by making one's home and calendar holy. Our homes become leaven free on Passover, during which we pretend that we were slaves and are being redeemed from slavery, and that our home is a miniature temple free of the impurities of leaven, the decay that leads to imperfections.

On Passover, our homes are free of leavened bread or grains from wheat, oats, barley, spelt, and rye. For those of us for whom the removal would prove difficult, we sell the leavened substances in our residences to a non-Jew and rent the surfaces on which they rest, as well.

The sale of *Hamets*, or leavened bread, will take effect on Monday, March 29th, 2010, at 9:15 am, and any *Hamets* that you wish to sell will be repurchased on Tuesday night, Tuesday night, April 6^h, at 8:30 PM, after which the festival is concluded.

Should you wish to sell your Hamets through B'nai Israel, please complete the authorization form below and send it to me at the address above or the Congregation at 27 Lloyd Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

With our best wishes for a kosher, sweet, fulfilling and happy holiday,

RABBI ALAN J. YUTER

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I hereby appoint Rabbi Alan J. Yuter of Congregation B'nai Israel to act on my behalf as
as my agent for the sale of any and all *hamets* that I own, that is in my possession, or
might be found on my property/properties from Monday, March 29th, 2010 , 9:15 AM to
Tuesday night, April 6^h, 8:30 PM. *Hamets* includes solids, liquids, and mixtures of
leavened wheat, rye, barley, oats and spelt.

Name _____

Address _____

Location[s] of *Hamets* _____