

## How Should an American Sell Chometz That He Owns in Eretz Yisroel?

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**Question:** Someone lives in America and owns an apartment in Yerushalaim, which has *chometz* in it. When he sells his *chometz* in *chutz la'aretz*, the *mechirah* will take place after Pesach already began in Eretz Yisroel. Is that a problem?

**Answer:** As people started becoming more international, Poskim started discussing what happens if you are in one place and your *chometz* is somewhere else. The consensus of Poskim today is that what matters is where the owner actually is. If you're in America, you have to be concerned with the time in America, and if you're in Israel, you have to be concerned with the time there as far as when to sell *chometz*.

However, the *chometz* retains the *chumrah* of its location, in the sense that if the *chometz* is in Eretz Yisroel and the owner is in America, it will be treated with *chumrah* of *chometz*.

But as far as the owner selling *chometz*, he must make sure to sell it according to the time of *mechiras chometz* in his location, regardless of where the *chometz* is located.