

Should a Person Sell His Chometz

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Question:

Is it appropriate to sell your *chometz* before Pesach?

Answer:

There are those who are *machmir* not to sell *chometz*; however, the consensus amongst the Poskim is that a person may sell his *chometz*, and this is the *minhag* of Klal Yisroel.

In fact, Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach writes that it is preferable for a person to sell *chometz* in order to avoid any concern of owning *chometz* inadvertently on Pesach; therefore, even for those who are stringent not to sell *chometz gamur*, it is still advisable to conduct a *mechiras chometz* to sell items that have a *chashash chometz*, such as vitamins and perfumes, in order to avoid any *shailos*.