



ישראל הצעיר של טוקו הילס  
Young Israel of Toco Hills, Atlanta

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Dear Young Israel Members and Supporters,

We are all looking forward to a wonderful and kosher Pesach which will be upon us shortly. This year Pesach begins on a Saturday night, which raises certain complexities, both of halacha and practice. Enclosed are two short articles dealing with matters that arise when Erev Pesach occurs on Shabbat, one written by me and the other composed by R. Aryeh Frimer.

Enclosed as well is the form for the sale of chametz, which needs to be returned to me no later than Friday, April 17. The sale of chametz this year is effective Friday afternoon shortly before Shabbat.

Traditionally, charity is collected in anticipation of Pesach under the rubric of *ma'ot chittim* (literally, money for wheat), recognizing that joyous times can impose expenses on the less fortunate that, if not abated, prevent them from enjoying the festivities. The Young Israel of Toco Hills runs a charity fund for that purpose, and returning the form for the sale of chametz is an excellent opportunity to make a donation to the fund to help others meet their Pesach expenses and to provide for other charitable needs. Please make checks out to the Young Israel Charity Fund. (*Please do not make checks out to me personally under any circumstances!*) Of course, no donation is needed at all to authorize the sale of *chametz*.

If you have any questions relating to Pesach or any other matter, halacha or otherwise, please feel free to reach me by email at [mbroyde@emory.edu](mailto:mbroyde@emory.edu) or by phone at 404-727-7546, or for more urgent matters on my cell phone, 917-208-5011. This season can be exceptionally busy for me between my Young Israel responsibilities, my Emory obligations, and my travel schedule. Although I strive to return phone calls and emails promptly, please forgive me if I sometimes do not reply as expeditiously as I should.

If you need additional copies of this packet, they will be available on the Young Israel web site, [www.yith.org](http://www.yith.org). Alternatively, you may contact the synagogue business office at 404-315-1417 or [yitocohills@gmail.com](mailto:yitocohills@gmail.com).

This year, I will deliver the Shabbat HaGadol *derashah* in two parts: the first, entitled, "Charity as an Obligation of Freedom: Halachic Perspectives" will take place on April 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The conclusion of the *derashah*, "Charity as an Obligation of Freedom: Theological Views" will be at 6:40 p.m. on April 19, the afternoon of Erev Pesach.

Once again, I wish each and every one of you a Chag Kasher VeSameach. May there be peace in our Holy Land and prosperity throughout our community.

חג כשר ושמח,

Michael Broyde  
Rabbi