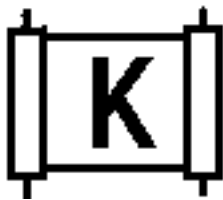


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The Vaad Hakashrus of Denver publishes Kashrus Komments, a periodic bulletin which keeps the Jewish community up-to-date on the kashrus status of foods and their ingredients. Kashrus Komments includes data on kosher food products found in local stores and establishments and behind-the-scenes information on kosher food production, mislabeled products, and changes in kashrus supervision. Enclosed is the latest edition.

To its great pride, the Vaad Hakashrus provides a variety of kashrus services to the Colorado Jewish community. Koshering of homes, consultations on kosher matters, and public lectures on kashrus topics are made available gratis to all.

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During the Yom Tov of Pesach, beginning from Erev Pesach, it is prohibited to eat or possess chometz, as the Torah states in Shemos 12:15: "On the day before Pesach you shall get rid of all leaven from your house." Chometz may include items made from one or more of the five grains: wheat, barley, rye, oat or spelt. Examples of such items include: bread, cookies, crackers, noodles, beer, whiskey and grain vinegar.

Even if a product contains only a small percentage of chometz, it may neither be eaten by nor be in the possession of a Jew during Pesach. Any chometz which was owned by a Jew during Pesach may not be benefited from even after Pesach. In order to observe this law, it is permissible to sell the chometz to a non-Jew prior to Pesach and then buy it back after Pesach. This transaction is known as mechiras chometz.

Mechiras chometz is done using a bill of sale. To assure that all legal requirements, according to both Torah and secular law, are fulfilled, it is customary to delegate power of attorney to a rabbi for him to sell the chometz.

It is preferable to appoint a rabbi in person; however, if this is difficult, one may authorize a rabbi by using the following document (The text was taken from the Madrich Lakashrus, Vol. 3 No. 13, written by Rabbi Sinai Halberstam, shlita).

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INTRODUCTION

With the help of Hashem, the Kashrus Komments is proud to present to the kosher consumer information about Kosher for Pesach products available in the Rocky Mountain region.

This issue contains a partial listing of foods which require Pesach certification, as well as those foods which do not require Pesach certification. A listing of non-food items is also included, since the use of inedible items containing chometz is prohibited during Pesach. Medicines and cosmetics free of chometz are mentioned, too.

Products which are certified for Pesach should have the "Kosher for Pesach" or "P" designation printed on the product label next to the regular kosher certification emblem. Stickers imprinted with the "Kosher for Pesach" designation which are added to existing labels should not be relied upon, unless the sticker also states the name of the Rabbi or kashrus organization which certifies it as such.

What constitutes chometz? Chometz includes all leavened foods and drinks and ingredients which are made from or contain an admixture of wheat, rye, barley, oat, or spelt. Therefore, all grain products or admixtures of grain, such as bread, grain vinegar, yeast, and malt, are forbidden for the duration of Pesach. **Legumes/kitniyos:** Beans, corn, peas, rice, green beans, mustard seeds, and their derivatives, are also not used for Pesach by Ashkenazic Jews.

As always, a "**Kashrus Alerts**" column has been included to make the kosher consumer aware of products whose kashrus status or supervision has changed.

The information listed is limited to what was available to us at the time of printing. For any additional information or if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call us at 303-595-9349.

We hope the information in this Kashrus Komments bulletin has been beneficial. We wish you a Happy and Kosher Pesach.

Note: All foods advertised within this bulletin might not be Scroll K certified nor Kosher for Pesach, unless otherwise specified.

PESACH DIRECTORY

This is a list of food, medicines and miscellaneous items for use during Pesach, which either require reliable Pesach certification or are acceptable without Pesach certification.

FOOD ITEMS:

- Apple Juice* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Apple Sauce* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Aspartame* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Baby Food* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Baby Formula* - Enfamil, Isomil, Prosobee, Similac and Soyalac are acceptable without Pesach certification. **Must be used in separate utensils.**
- Baking Powder* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Beans* - Should not be used.
- Bean Sprouts* - Should not be used.
- Beverages* - Require reliable Pesach certification.
- Bicarbonate of Soda* - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
- Borscht* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Buckwheat* - Should not be used.
- Butter* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Cake* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Candy* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Canola Oil* - Should not be used.
- Caraway Seeds* - Should not be used.
- Carrots, Baby* - Any **purchased prior to Pesach**, acceptable without Pesach certification.
- Cereal* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Cheese* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Chickpeas* - Should not be used.

- Chocolate* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Cocoa* - Any 100% pure cocoa, acceptable without Pesach certification.
- Coconut, Shredded* - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
- Coffee* - Any unflavored regular coffee, except chicory, acceptable without Pesach certification. Decaffeinated and flavored coffees require reliable Pesach certification. Sanka

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Coffee, Instant - Requires reliable Pesach certification, Folger's and Taster's Choice regular are acceptable.
Cookies - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Coriander - Should not be used.
Corn - Should not be used.
Cumin - Should not be used.
Dates - Require reliable Pesach certification, as the shine might be a problem.
Eggs - Commercially washed eggs **purchased prior to Pesach**, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Ensure - **May contain chometz.**
Fennel - Should not be used.
Fenugreek - Should not be used.
Fish - Fresh and frozen fish without added ingredients, acceptable without Pesach certification. Guidelines for purchasing kosher fish are published at www.Scrollk.org
Flavors - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Fruit, Canned - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Fruit, Dried - Requires reliable Pesach certification, since flour and/or kitniyos are used in the drying process.
Fruit, Frozen - Unsweetened whole fruit without syrup or other ingredients, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Garlic, Peeled - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Gefilte Fish - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Grape Juice - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Green Beans - Should not be used.
H.V.P. - Should not be used.
Honey, Unflavored - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Horseradish, Processed - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Ice - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Ice Cream, Ices, and Sherbert - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Isolated Soy Protein - Should not be used.
Jelly and Preserves - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Juice - Juice packaged in cartons requires reliable Pesach certification. Realemon and Realime, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Juice, Frozen - 100% pure frozen orange juice or grapefruit juice, both from concentrate only, without added citric acid, vitamin C, sweeteners, additives or preservatives, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Kasha (Buckwheat) - Should not be used.
Ketchup - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Kishke - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Lemon Peel - Any **purchased prior to Pesach**, acceptable without Pesach certification. However, if it is a product of Israel, it would require reliable certification.
Liqueur - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Margarine - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Matzah - Requires reliable Pesach certification.

Mayonnaise - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Meat - Raw meat that bears a reliable all-year kashrus certification is also kosher for Pesach **after rinsing**. Pickled raw meats require reliable Pesach certification.
Milk - Any **purchased prior to Pesach**, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Milk, Dry - Alba, Carnation, KoSure (Cholov Yisroel), acceptable without Pesach certification.
Millet - Should not be used.
Mustard Flour - Should not be used.
Non-Dairy Creamer - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
NutraSweet - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Nuts -
Almonds - whole, chopped, or ground - without added preservatives or other additives - acceptable without Pesach certification.
Peanuts - Should not be used.
Pecans - Midgits and pieces require reliable Pesach certification. Whole and halves without added preservatives or other additives, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Walnuts, raw - whole, chopped, or ground - without added preservatives or other additives - acceptable without Pesach certification. **Note: Some walnuts and other nuts in shells have been roasted or sprayed with BHA or BHT and should not be used.**
Oil and Shortening - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Olive Oil - All 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil bearing the OU certification, acceptable without the Pesach certification.
Orange Peel - Any **purchased prior to Pesach**, acceptable without Pesach certification. If it is a product of Israel, it needs reliable certification, due to the requirements of Truma and Ma' aser.
Parchment Paper - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Pasta - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Peas - Should not be used.
Pickles - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Pineapple, Canned - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Poppy Seeds - Should not be used.
Potato Chips - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Potatoes, Peeled - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Poultry - Raw chicken that bears reliable all-year kashrus certification is also kosher for Pesach **after rinsing**. **NOTE: Empire Ground Turkey Burgers (Raw) need to have special "Kosher for Pesach" seal.**
Prunes - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Pudding - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Quinoa - Acceptable without Pesach certification, provided that you thoroughly inspect it to ensure that other grains are not mixed in.
Raisins - Any retail package with the OU certification, acceptable without Pesach certification. Commercial packages are often sprayed with oil and require reliable Pesach certification.

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Rice - Should not be used. [Sefardim should be aware that rice companies may use a chometz enzyme to facilitate the processing; accordingly, reliable Pesach certification would be necessary.]
Salt - Non-iodized (without dextrose, polysorbates, or maltodextrin), acceptable without Pesach certification. Some acceptable brands are: Morton's, Purity, and Red Cross.
Salt Substitutes - Freeda's Free Salt and No Salt (unseasoned) contain kitniyos.
Seltzer - Any unflavored, acceptable without Pesach certification, preferably purchased before Pesach.
Sesame Seeds - Should not be used.
Snow Peas - Should not be used.
Soda - Requires reliable Pesach certification, except unflavored Seltzer.
Sorbitan - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Sorbitol - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Soy Beans - Should not be used.
Spices - Require reliable Pesach certification.
Splenda - **May contain chometz.**
Starch - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Stevia - Should not be used.
Sugar - All pure granulated cane or beet sugar, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Sugar, Brown - C & H and Holly (Imperial Sugar) brands **purchased prior to Pesach**, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Sugar, Confectionery - Requires reliable Pesach certification, since it contains cornstarch.
Sugar, Vanilla - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Sunflower Seeds - Should not be used.
Sweetener - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Tea Bags - Any unflavored regular tea bags, acceptable without Pesach certification. Decaffeinated and flavored teas require reliable Pesach certification. Lipton Decaffeinated, acceptable without Pesach certification. **NOTE: Herbal teas may contain chometz.**
Tea, Instant - Nestea brand instant, unflavored tea, regular and decaffeinated, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Tofu - Should not be used.
Tuna - Requires reliable Pesach certification, since it may contain chometz or kitniyos.
Vegetables, Canned - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Vegetables, Frozen - Should have reliable Pesach certification, since many frozen vegetable processing companies process pasta, breaded vegetables, etc., on the same equipment.
Vinegar - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Vitamin C - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Water, Unflavored - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Wine - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Xanthan Gum - Requires reliable Pesach certification.
Yogurt - Requires reliable Pesach certification.

HOUSEHOLD and PERSONAL ITEMS:

Aluminum Foil - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Ammonia - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Baby Powder - Johnson's Baby Powder and all talcum powders, acceptable without Pesach certification. **NOTE: Baby Magic may contain chometz.**
Baby Wipes - Any without alcohol, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Band-Aids - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Bleach - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Blush - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Charcoal - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Cleanser - Bon Ami, Comet, Fantastic, Mr. Clean, Murphy Oil, Spic & Span, and Surf, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Colognes - Please call our office. Information was not available as of printing.
Contact Lens Solution - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Creams - All varieties, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Crock Pot Liners - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Dental Floss - Any unflavored (waxed is permissible), acceptable without Pesach certification.
Denture Cleanser - Polident Denture Cleanser, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Denture Cream - Dentu-Crème, Fast Teeth, Polident, and Poli-Grip, acceptable without Pesach certification. **NOTE: Quick Dentur-Eze may contain chometz.**
Deodorant - All powder and stick deodorants, acceptable without Pesach certification. All Procter & Gamble deodorants, acceptable without Pesach certification. Spray deodorants, please call our office. (Information not available as of printing).
Dishwashing Detergent - Colgate Palmolive (lemon or regular), Dawn, Ivory, and Joy, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Disposable Plates, Cups - Plastic, plastic-coated, or styrofoam, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Eyeliners and Eye Shadow - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Fabric Softeners - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Face Powder - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Finger Paints - **May contain chometz.**
Foot Powder - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Furniture Polish - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Glass Cleaner - Glass Plus and Windex (plain without vinegar), acceptable without Pesach certification.
Gloves - Acceptable without Pesach certification **after washing**, since cornstarch is sprayed into some household gloves.
Glue - Elmer's, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Hair Remover - Nair Lotion Hair Remover, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Hair Spray - Please call our office. (Information not available as of printing).

Hydrogen Peroxide - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Ink - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Isopropyl Alcohol - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Laundry Detergent, Liquid - Cheer, Dash, Dreft, Era, Ivory, and Tide, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Laundry Detergent, Powder - Any with an OU symbol, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Lip Balm - Chapstick brand, unflavored, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Lipstick - Please call our office. (Information not available as of printing).
Listerine, Pocketpaks - **May contain chometz.**
Lotions - All varieties, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Mascara - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Mineral Oil - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Mouthwash - Please call our office. (Information not available as of printing).
Nail Polish - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Nail Polish Remover - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Napkins - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Oven Cleaner - Dow, Easy-off, and Mr. Muscle, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Ointments - All varieties, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Paper Plates, Cups - Plastic, plastic-coated, or styrofoam, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Paper Towels - The first three sheets and the last three sheets must not come into direct contact with food, since a corn starch based glue may have been used.
Plastic Bags - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Plastic Wrap - Acceptable without Pesach certification.

Play Dough - **Contains chometz.**
Perfume - Please call our office. (Information not available as of printing).
Shampoo and Conditioner - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Shaving Lotion - Please call our office. (Information not available as of printing).
Shoe Polish - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Silver Polish - Haggerty and Rokeach, acceptable without Pesach certification.
Sticking Paste (Yamato) - **Contains chometz.**
Styrofoam Plates - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Soap - Acceptable without Pesach certification.
Toothpaste - Please call our office. (Information not available as of printing).
Waxed Paper - Acceptable without Pesach certification.

MEDICINE:

Any medications taken for any of the following conditions may be taken on Pesach:

- Depression
- Hypertension (elevated blood pressure)
- Heart conditions
- Kidney disease

Injections and tablet medications that are unflavored may be taken on Pesach, even if it contains chometz.

Liquid and chewable medications may be taken on Pesach, even if they contain kitniyos. Feel free to call our office regarding these medications; we may have lists available that indicate if specific medications contain chometz. If they contain chometz

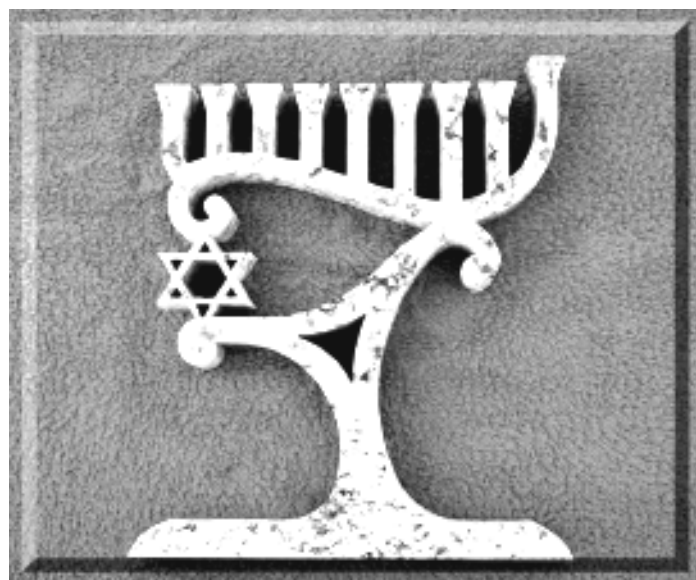
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and a chometz free alternative is not available, consult with your local Rabbi and doctor for guidance.

Vitamins should only be used after verifying their Pesach status.

Preparing the Kitchen for Pesach

The Torah prohibits the possession or consumption of chometz (leaven) during Pesach. Chometz may result when flour or granules of one of the five species of grain (barley, oat, rye, spelt, wheat) comes into contact with water and is allowed to stand for 18 minutes. However, if the water is hot, chometz may result instantly.

Vessels that were used to cook chometz may not be used during Pesach unless they undergo a kashering process. Items made from **metal, stone, wood or natural rubber** may be kashered for Pesach use. Materials that may not be kashered include china, corning-ware, enamel, melmac, porcelain, pottery, Pyrex, synthetic rubber, and Teflon. Plastic and glass should not be kashered for Pesach. In case of necessity, contact the Vaad Hakashrus.

Items that are not being kashered for Pesach should be cleaned and put away in an area that will not be used during Pesach.

In this article, we bring you a list of some household items that may be kashered for Pesach. Each item includes a brief description of the preferred method of kashering that item, along with some alternative procedures, where appropriate. For more alternative methods, you can call our office. We will be glad to assist you with acceptable methods for your situation.

During kashering, it is preferable to have present someone

knowledgeable in the laws of kashering. The Vaad Hakashrus provides a free service for kashering portable items, which will be available at the locations and times listed in our Pesach Alerts (P. 10).

Ranges

Conventional electric burners: May be kashered by turning the burner on the highest setting until it turns red, which should take about 3 minutes.

Conventional gas burners: May be kashered by covering them with sheet metal or the like and turning the burner on high for 10 minutes, or by placing them in a self-cleaning oven for one self-clean cycle.

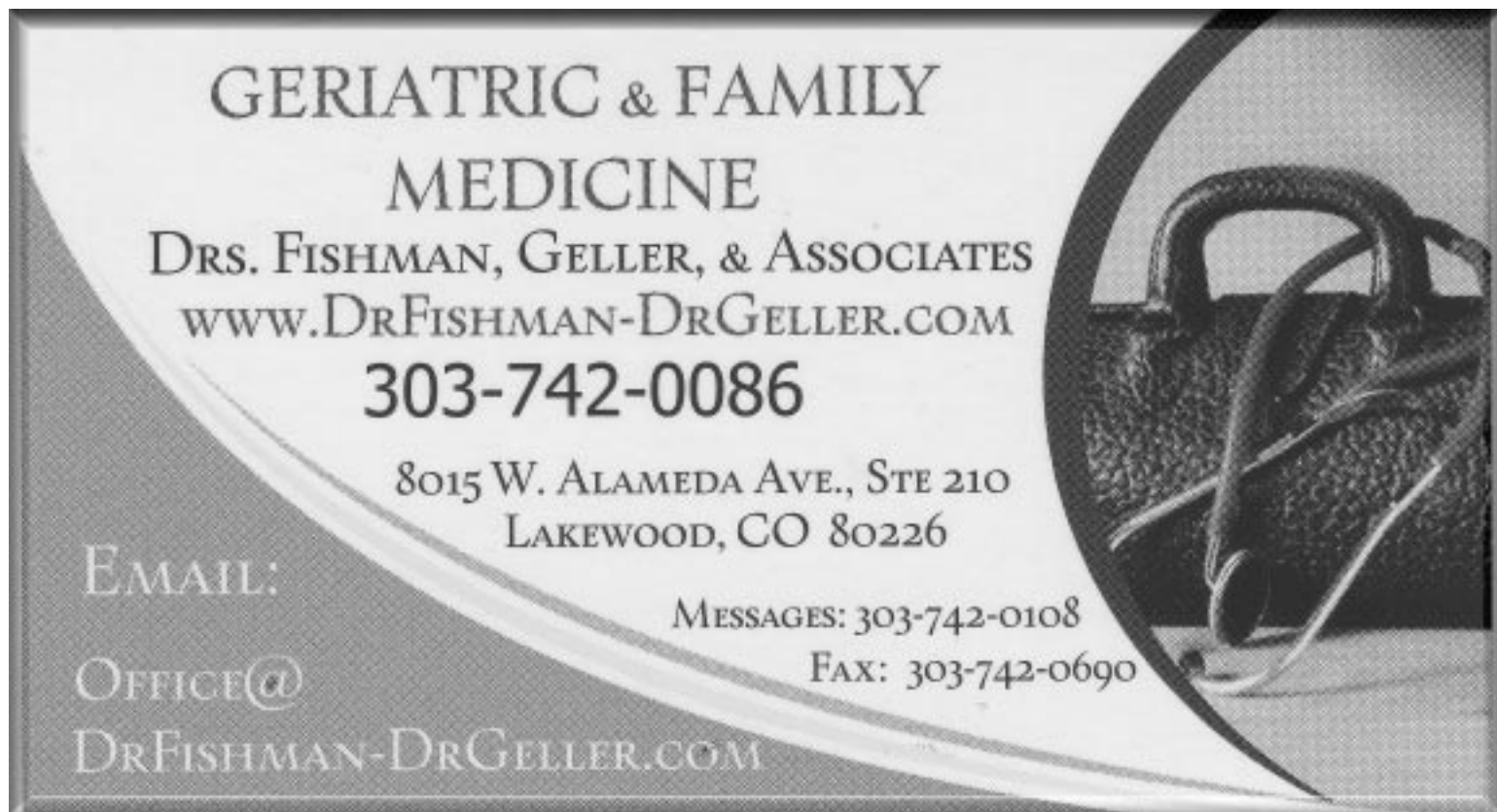
Glass smooth top cooktops: The burner area may be kashered by turning on the heat until it glows. The area between the burners does not get hot enough to be kashered and should, therefore, be considered not kosher for Pesach. As such, extreme care should be taken to assure that hot pots do not touch this surface.

Stove Top: The area of the stove top between the burners should be cleaned and covered with heavy tin foil. However, if the stove top is made of stainless steel (not painted), it may be kashered by immersing in boiling water or by heating it with a blow torch until it is hot enough to burn a piece of straw.

Drip Pans (i.e. the pans below the burners): May be kashered using the same procedure as **Metal or Wood Utensils**, listed under the *Pots, Pans and Utensils* category.

Knobs: Should be cleaned thoroughly. Some people prefer to cover them with tin foil.

Range Hood: Should be cleaned thoroughly. Those range hoods which become hot due to stove top cooking should also be



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covered with tin foil.

Warming Drawers: Should not be kashered for Pesach.

Ovens

Conventional Gas and Electric Ovens: Clean the oven thoroughly, taking special care to clean cracks, corners and areas where metal parts connect. It is best to use an oven insert and only bake in the insert during Pesach. If you do not have an oven insert, line the walls, racks, and door of the oven with heavy tin foil.

Alternative Method: Some halachic authorities allow the use of bare conventional ovens after their being thoroughly cleaned and heated at its highest temperature for one hour. If you choose to follow this procedure, it is preferable to place the racks from your conventional oven into a self-cleaning oven for one self-clean cycle.

Self-Cleaning Ovens: These may be kashered by turning on the oven for a self-clean cycle. After completing the self-clean cycle, it is preferable to cover the glass window and the area between the door and the frame with tin foil.

Microwave Ovens: The only microwave ovens which should be kashered for Pesach are those whose inner surfaces do not become hot when they are used. To determine if this is the case with your microwave oven, cook an item for 15 minutes and then carefully feel inside the oven. If the oven's inner surfaces are too hot to touch, your microwave should not be kashered for Pesach, although it may be used during Pesach for food which is double wrapped. If the inner surfaces are merely warm and not hot, your microwave can be kashered for Pesach. To kasher a microwave oven, clean it thoroughly and do not use it for chometz for 24 hours. Place a glass of water inside the microwave and cook it until half the water is steamed away. Using plastic wrap, cover the food tray and all

inner surfaces which may come into contact with hot food.

Dishwashers

Dishwashers made of porcelain or enamel or non-removable plastic parts should not be used for Pesach.

Sinks

Granite and Stainless Steel Sinks: Thoroughly clean the sink – including the crevices around the drain – and do not use for chometz for 24 hours. Boil water in a kosher-for-Pesach pot on a kosher-for-Pesach stove and pour it over every area of the sink. Start at the bottom, then do the walls, and end with the faucet.

Corian, Enamel and Porcelain Sinks: Clean the sink thoroughly and cover the entire sink with contact paper or a similar covering. It is advisable to pour boiling water (same as above) over the sink before covering.

Faucets and Handles: These may be kashered for Pesach by pouring over them hot water boiled in a kosher-for-Pesach pot on a kosher-for-Pesach stove.

Dish Buckets, Dish Racks and Sink Racks: These should be replaced with buckets and racks dedicated for Pesach use only.


Counter Tops

Corian, Enamel, Formica and Siltstone Tile Counter Tops: Clean the counter and cover it with contact paper or the like.

Granite, Marble, Stone and Wood Counters: May be


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kashered by pouring boiling water over them, provided they are pure marble or stone without other material mixed into them. Clean the counter and pour over it hot water boiled in a kosher-for-Pesach pot on a kosher-for-Pesach stove. The grout should be covered with tape, contact paper or similar material.

Metal Counter Tops: Clean the counter and pour over it hot water boiled in a kosher-for-Pesach pot on a kosher-for-Pesach stove.

Pots, Pans and Utensils

Metal or Wooden (without cracks) Pots, Pans, Utensils, Cutlery, Cutting Boards and Pot Rests:

(Exception: If one is concerned that an item may become damaged due to kashering, one may not kasher that item.)

- 1) The items to be kashered should not be used for chometz for 24 hours.
- 2) Thoroughly clean the items. Flatware pieces made of two parts need to be cleaned well where the sections connect. The tines of forks and serrated edges of knives need extra care. Due to the difficulty in cleaning cutlery well, some people prefer to retain a separate set for Pesach use only.
- 3) Use a large kosher-for-Pesach pot. If one cannot, then the following procedure may be used to prepare such a pot. Take a large, clean pot which has not been used for chometz for 24 hours. Fill it to the top with water and bring the water to a boil. Heat a stone or brick on the burners. Drop the stone or brick into the boiling water so that the boiling water spills over the rim of the pot. Pour out the hot water and rinse the pot with

cold water.

- 4) Fill the large pot with enough water to be able to completely immerse the items. Bring the water to a rolling boil. Immerse each item for a few seconds. Should the water stop boiling, wait until it resumes its rolling boil. When kashering two or more items simultaneously, be certain that they are not touching each other. The boiling water must reach every area of each item, including handles. **NOTE:** If the entire item does not fit into the pot at one time, one may kasher one part at a time.
- 5) Remove the kashered items and rinse them in cold water. **Please note that you will need to re-kasher the large pot if you want to use it for Pesach. An additional 24-hour waiting period is not required.**

Metal Wine Goblets: It is a custom to kasher wine goblets for Pesach even if they are only used for cold wine. They can be kashered by immersing them in boiling water, following the procedure listed above.

Plastic Utensils and Coated Pots: These should not be kashered for Pesach. In case of necessity, call the Vaad Hakashrus.

Baking Pans, Roasting Pans and Racks and Pans from Broilers: These can be kashered by placing them in a self-cleaning oven for a cleaning cycle. Boiling water is not sufficient for these items.

Miscellaneous

Refrigerator, Freezer, and Pantry: Clean thoroughly; some prefer to line with paper.

Tables: Should be covered.

Baby High Chair: Should be cleaned thoroughly, and the tray should be covered with contact paper.

Towels: May be used on Pesach after they have been washed with detergent and warm water.



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BIRCHAS HACHAMA 5769

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If one visits the numerous day schools, chadarim, mesivtos and batei midrashim throughout the world, one would find that every child, almost every bochur and most Kollel Yungeleit have never performed the mitzvah of Birchas Hachama. This is because this mitzvah is performed only once every 28 years. The last time it was recited was in 5741 (1981) and b'ezras Hashem the next time will be this coming Erev Pesach, 5769 - Wednesday April 8, 2009. What is this special mitzvah and why is it recited so infrequently?

I. Birchas Hachama – A Simple Explanation

The Amorah (Talmudic scholar), Shmuel, said¹ that every time that "Tekufas Nissan" (the beginning of spring, as calculated by Chazal) occurs at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening (when the halachic day of Wednesday begins) one should go outside the next morning and recite the brocha, "Osei maaseh braishis." This occurs once every 28 years.

II. The Halachos

On Wednesday morning (the day after Tekufas Nissan), one goes outside and quickly gazes towards the sun and says, "Baruch atah Hashem Elokainu Melech haolam oseh maaseh braishis," – "Blessed are You, Hashem, our G-d, King of the universe, Who re-enacts the structure of the creation.² Additional tefillos praising the Ribono Shel Olam are also recited. Before the bracha Hallelu es Hashem min Hashamayim³ is recited. After the bracha Kail Adon,⁴ Mizmor HaShamayim Mesaprim⁵ and Aleinu⁶ are recited. If there is a minyan, Kaddish⁷ is recited after Aleinu.

Ideally, Birchas Hachama should be recited before the third hour of the day.⁸ B'dieved, one has until chatzos (midday) to recite Birchas Hachama. It is preferably recited while standing - "b'rov am", with a group of other people.⁹ Women and children should

recite the bracha, as well. A blind person should be yotzai (fulfill his obligation) through hearing someone else make the bracha.

If it is cloudy, the following halachos apply: If one can see the lines of the sun behind the clouds, one may say Birchas Hachama. If it is so cloudy that the sun is not visible, one may not say Birchas Hachama with the name of Hashem.¹⁰ Rather, shortly before chatzos (or when it is obviously going to stay cloudy until chatzos) one would say, "Baruch Ata oseh maaseh braishis" without the name of Hashem.


III. Why Every 28 Years?

When the world was created, the sun and moon were created on the Wednesday of the week of bri'as haolam (creation of the world). On that day, the beginning of spring¹¹ (known as "Tekufas Nissan") was at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday the beginning of the halachic day Wednesday.¹²

It takes approximately 365 days and 6 hours¹³ for the Earth to completely revolve one time around the sun. This is equal to 52 weeks, 1 day and 6 hours. Therefore, in the following year (after the world was created) spring began early Thursday at midnight (midnight early Thursday is one day of the week and 6 hours after Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.). The following year it began at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, the following year at noon on Shabbos and the year after that at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Every four years, the time of the tekufa moved five days of the week later (e.g. from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday). After 28 years,¹⁴ it returned to the same time that it was at Brias Haolam, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday the beginning of "Lail Revi'i" (halachically Wednesday). So, in year 29 (counting from the creation), 57,

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85, 113 and every 28th year after that, including most recently in 5713 (1953) and 5741 (1981) the tekufa was at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Birchas Hachama was recited the next day. Once again, it will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday this year. After this year, the next time Birchas Hachama will be recited will be in 5797 (2037) and then again in 5825 (2065).

IV. The Date

Birchas Hachama is always recited on a Wednesday. In the 20th and 21st Centuries, it is recited on April 8.15 The Hebrew date can vary. In the past 400 years, Birchas Hachama has been said as early as the 27th of Adar II (in 5461 [1701]) and as late as the 26th of Nissan (in 5545 [1785] and 5629 [1869]).16

Birchas Hachama can be recited on Yom Tov. It will be recited on the seventh day of Pesach (scheduled for 5881 [2121]) and was said on the second day of Pesach – Yom Tov outside of Israel (in 5601 [1841]). It cannot be recited on the first or eighth day of Pesach, as these days never occur on Wednesday. This year, 5769 (2009), Birchas Hachama will be recited on Erev Pesach17 and in 5797 (2037), according to the calculations of the calendar,18 it will be recited on Isru Chag Pesach. In 5825 (2065), it will be said on the 2nd of Nissan.

Klal Yisroel is zoche (merits) to have two types of mitzvos. Some mitzvos are performed frequently, on a daily or weekly basis; other mitzvos are performed infrequently. Both types of mitzvos, are done to better serve the Ribono Shel Olam. One purpose of frequently performed mitzvos is to become more consistent in our connection to Hashem. How beautiful it is when Yidden daven “day in and day out,” or when the Nashim Tzidkaniyos (righteous women) faithfully light candles every single Erev Shabbos and Yom Tov.

Infrequently performed mitzvos such as Birchas Hachama offer Klal Yisroel the opportunity to serve Hashem with special “hischadshus,” renewed anticipation and excitement in serving the Borai Olam (Creator) with a mitzvah performed by Yidden throughout the world – usually only three times in ones lifetime! May we merit the recitation of Birchas Hachama with Moshiach Tzidkainu who should come bimhaira b’yamainu, speedily in our days.

Listen to a teleconference interview about Birchas Hachama. Click here.

Footnotes:

1. Berachos 59b. The halacha is addressed in Shulchan Aruch - Orach Chaim 229:2.
2. This is the same brocha recited upon seeing lightning, very tall mountains or the Mediterranean Sea (the brocha recited upon seeing an ocean is different).
3. Tehillim 148
4. This is from the Shabbos morning davening.
5. Tehillim 19
6. Mishna Brura 229:8. See also Teshuvos Chasam Sofer 1:56. There are various other customs as to which psukim and tefillos are recited before and after the bracha.
7. “Kaddish Yasom”/Mourner’s Kaddish
8. Sof z’man K’rias Shma, according to the opinion of the Gra.
9. “B’rov Am Hadras Melech”. We honor Hashem when a group of people perform the mitzvos together. Of course, one can say Birchas Hachama alone, but it should ideally be said with a minyan or with at least two other people

(the minimum “rov am” is three – see Chaye Adam 68:11).

10. Mishna Brura 229:8, who quotes the Teshuvos Chasam Sofer 1:56. Note the Panim Meiros 2:30 states that it is enough to see the light of the sun as opposed to the actual sun. Therefore, even if it is cloudy, one may say Birchas Hachama by going outside and seeing “sunlight”. The Mishna Brura rejects this view. Alternatively, one could go to a tall mountain or very large body of water and recite, “Oseh maaseh braishis,” having in mind Birchas Hachama (see Sefer Shaarei Zmanim, Siman 3, footnote 4. See also Siman 3, Section 3 regarding whether Birchas Hachama can be said in countries west of Eretz Yisroel on Tuesday if the weather forecasters predict that on Wednesday it will be very cloudy).
11. This goes according to the opinion of Rebbe Yehoshua (Rosh Hashana 11a) that “B’Nissan Nivra Ha’olam” – the world was created at the beginning of spring. In regards to molados (new moon) and in the davening of Rosh Hashana (when we say, “Zeh Hayom Techilas Ma’asecha”) we follow the opinion of Rebbe Eliezer, who holds “B’Tishrei Nivrah Ha’olam,” the world was created at the beginning of autumn. For a detailed discussion of this topic, see Tosfos Rosh Hashana (8a-L’tkufos and 27a-K’mahn), Sefer Shaarei Zmanim Siman 2 and Sefer Mayim Rabim Siman 1.
12. The Jewish day begins at night. Hence, at the beginning of spring, the new day begins at 6:00 p.m. when the sun sets and night begins. “Sunday” begins at 6:00 p.m. Saturday. “Monday” begins at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, etc. It should be noted that the “fixed” time of 6:00 p.m. for the beginning of any day of the year only relates to tekufos and molados (new moon). Regarding Shabbos and Yom Tov, the day begins at sunset and ends the next day when the stars come out. In the winter, this will be before 6:00 p.m., and in the summer after 6:00 p.m. Davening times also vary depending upon the season.
13. In reality, the earth takes 365 days, 5 hours 48 minutes 46 seconds to revolve around the sun. As will be discussed, Shmuel sacrificed accuracy for simplicity, and used the rounded number of 365 _ days.
14. Every four years, the tekufa is once again at 6:00 p.m., five days of the week later than the last time the tekufa occurs. After seven sets of four years (i.e. 28 years), it returns to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday.
15. Birchas Hachama and the secular date are both based on the seasons which are based only on the sun. Therefore, the secular date of Birchas Hachama is the same every time it is recited. The date changes every century when the Gregorian calendar skips a leap date (i.e. when there is no February 29 in years ending in “00”, not divisible by 400). Therefore, in the 19th Century Birchas Hachama was said on April 7. It switched to April 8 when there was no February 29, 1900. After 2100, when February 29 will not occur, it will switch to April 9. It should be noted that V’sain Tal U’matar also begins at the same time on the solar calendar every year (either December 4th or 5th at Maariv) because Tal U’matar is also based on the tekufos (60th day of Tekufas Tishrei/Fall). Every century, when there is no February 29, Tal U’matar also shifts a day. In the 19th Century, it began December 3 or 4 at Maariv. In the 21st century, it will begin on December 5th or 6th at Maariv.
16. An obvious question arises. If Pesach must occur in the Spring (Tekufas Nissan) and Birchas Hachama occurs on the morning after Tekufas Nissan, how is it possible for Birchas Hachama to occur after Pesach (e.g. in 2037)? Birchas Hachama after Pesach means that the first day of Tekufas Nissan is after Pesach and, therefore, Pesach is before Tekufas Nissan and is still in the winter?
The answer is that there are two different ways of calculating the tekufa, one is according to Shmuel and one is according Rav Ada. As previously indicated Shmuel’s tekufa is based on a year that is 365 days 6 hours and is the tekufa used for Birchas Hachama and Tal U’matar (60th day of Tekufas Tishrei/Fall). Rosh Hashanah, Yomim Tovim, and the calendar are based on the Tekufa as calculated by Rav Ada, which is closer to the scientific calculation of the beginning of spring. Since these two times are slowly drifting away from each other (Tekufas Shmuel is moving later in relationship to Tekufas

Rav Ada), it is possible to say Birchas Hachama after Pesach since Pesach is calculated according to Tekufas Rav Ada, while Birchas Hachama is based on Tekufas Shmuel.

Tekufas Rav Ada is based on 235 lunar months (the 19 year cycle, with seven leap years to ensure that Pesach remains in the spring) divided by 19. This calculates the “average” lunar year. It is 365 days, 5 hours, 997 chalakim and 48 regaim (997 chalakim and 48 regaim are equal to 55 minutes and 2.1 seconds, as each chalek is 3 1/3 seconds and each “rega” is 1/76 of a chalek). The Chazon Ish (OC Siman 138, se’if katan 4) explains that the calculations of Chazal are slightly different from the calculations of science to make them more simple to use. This concept of sacrificing precision for simplicity is also found in the Gemara including Sukka 8a (in regards to square roots in calculating the hypotenuse of a triangle - see Tosfos). The purpose of mitzvos is to accept the Heavenly yoke and to fulfill the “chochmas haTorah” (wisdom of the Torah). These must also be performed by “chalushei hada’as”, individuals who may be academically and mathematically weak. Therefore, in certain cases as determined by Chazal, mitzvos can be performed based on calculations that have been rounded off for simplicity and do not require precise calculations. In other words, since all of Klal Yisroel must perform these mitzvos, we must utilize a simple calculation to avoid mass confusion. Tekufas Rav Ada is closer to the scientific calculation but is also not precise. Once again, a small degree of accuracy was sacrificed to achieve the “simplicity” of basing the calendar on the average lunar year. It should also be noted that using a precise solar calculation would mean an inaccurate average of the lunar months. For a detailed discussion of this issue, see Sefer Shaarei Zmanim Siman 1.

17. The Ostrovtzah Rebbe, zt”l, as quoted in Sefer Me’ir Aini Chachamim, says that since the creation of the world, Birchas Hachama was recited on Erev Pesach on three occasions – the day before the exodus from Egypt, at the time Mordechai and Esther fasted after the decree of Haman, and “very soon”, referring to 5685 (1925) as the Rebbe wrote in the early 1900’s. There are two questions on this explanation: 1) If Birchas Hachama is recited every 28 years, it was recited in 2437 and 2465, and the exodus from Egypt was during or next to the year 2448, when Birchas Hachama was not said. The story of Purim took place during or near 3405, which is nowhere near 3389 and 3417, the years of Birchas Hachama.

2) Furthermore, Birchas Hachama was recited on several occasions on Erev Pesach (after the stories Pesach and Purim), including the following years: 4369 (609), 4453 (693) and 5069 (1309). Therefore, the Ostrovtzah Rebbe’s statement needs further clarification, v’tzarich iyun. [It should be noted that this year, Erev Pesach will be only the third time in the last 1300 years that both the preparation of an Eruv Tavshilin and the recitation of Birchas Hachama will occur on the same day.]

18. When Moshiach comes, bimhaira b’yameinu, we will establish Rosh Chodesh based on witnesses and there may be slight variations in the Jewish calendar that is currently based on calculations.

Eruv Tavshilin

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A fundamental difference between *Yom Tov* observance and *Shabbos* observance is the allowance of *ochel nefesh*, food preparation on *Yom Tov*. “*Ach Asher Yei’ achel L’Chol Nefesh Hu Levado Yei’ aseh Lachem...*”\1 “1#1” 1 The Torah permits us to cook, bake, and prepare food on *Yom Tov* proper, in order to eat the prepared food on that day of *Yom Tov*. One is not permitted to prepare from one day of *Yom Tov* for the second day of *Yom Tov* or for after *Yom Tov*. This prohibition of *hachana*, of preparing from one day of *Yom Tov* to the next, presents a problem when the second day of *Yom Tov* falls out on *Shabbos* or when *Shabbos* follows a two day sequence of *Yomim Tovim*. Can one *halachically* prepare food on *Yom Tov* for the *Shabbos Yom Tov* or for *Shabbos*?

To deal with this issue our Rabbis instituted a procedure known as *eruv tavshilin*\1 “2#2” 2. The process of *eruv tavshilin* works in the following manner. On *Erev Yom Tov*, the head of the household, or his designee, should set aside a baked item such as bread or *matzoh*, **and** a cooked item such as meat, fish, or eggs (i.e. a food that is eaten along with bread). Each item should be at least the size of one *kezayis*, preferably the size of one *beitzah*. He or she should then recite the blessing of “*Baruch...Al Mitzvas Eruv*” and the proclamation, both found in the *Siddur*. This proclamation states that the cooked and baked items should permit us to continue baking, cooking, lighting a flame from an existing fire and do all the necessary preparations from *Yom Tov* proper to *Shabbos*. It is now viewed as though meal preparations for *Shabbos* have already begun before *Yom Tov* and *Shabbos* meal preparations may continue on Friday *Yom Tov*, *Erev Shabbos*.

Once done, the *eruv* covers all household members and guests.

The foods set aside for the *eruv* should be saved and may be eaten on *Shabbos*.

If one forgot to make an *eruv tavshilin* one should consult a competent Rabbinical authority for further instructions.

Footnotes:

1. Shmos 12:16
2. Orach Chaim 527

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- **SCHEDULE FOR EREV PESACH, 2009: Biur Chometz:** The prohibition of eating chometz begins at 10:53 A.M., Wednesday, April 8, 2009. The chometz should be burned by 11:57 A.M.

- **BIRCHAS HACHAMA** is recited on Erev Pesach, April 8, 2009, preferably before 9:48 am (in Denver, CO). If one did not say it before this time, it may be said until midday, which is 1:02 pm (in Denver, CO). The procedure is: one goes outside and quickly gazes towards the sun and says, "Baruch atah Hashem Elokainu Melech haolam oseh maaseh braishis," ("Blessed are You, Hashem, our G-d, King of the universe, Who re-enacts the structure of the creation"). See page 9 for an article on Birchas Hachama.

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- **ERUV TAVSHILIN:** When Yom Tov is on Friday (such as this year's first days of Pesach and Shavu'us), in order to be permitted to cook, bake, and do other preparations on Friday for Shabbos, an Eruv Tavshilin must be made. Each family should make its own Eruv Tavshilin.

On Erev Yom Tov, set aside for Shabbos a cooked food (e.g., boiled egg, cooked chicken or meat) and a baked food (e.g., matza). Holding both of these foods, recite the appropriate brocha and text which can be found in most siddurim under the title "Eruv Tavshilin". These items should not be eaten until Shabbos. See page 11 for an article on Eruv Tavshilin.

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- A complete list of kosher certified **Slurpee** flavors is available at <http://www.crcweb.org/kosher/consumer/slurpeeList.html>
- The Vaad recommends that you inspect the flavor tank prior to purchasing the **Slurpee** to ensure that you are purchasing a kosher variety.

Tropicana Orange Juice with Omega 3 correctly bears an OK-Fish certification and should not be used together with meat or poultry.

Tradition Brand Chicken Noodle Soup Cups were incorrectly labeled Jehrling Brand Ramen Noodle Soup. The product in the Tradition Brand Chicken Noodle Soup Cups is kosher parve certified by Kof-K.

Raisins packed and stored under normal industry conditions do not pose an infestation concern and may be consumed without further checking. As with other varieties of produce, if they were stored in a warm, moist or unsanitary environment, they would require inspection for insects.

INCORRECT LABELING

Genisoy Ranch Flavor Potato Bakes contains dairy ingredients, as listed on the ingredient panel, but the dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Future packaging will be revised.

Giant Eagle and **HEB** Honey Sesame Cashews were labeled with a Star-K instead of a Star-D. Corrective measures have been taken. New labels correctly bear the Star-D designation.

Some varieties of **Hammond’s** Candies that are certified Scroll K DE mistakenly do not bear the DE designation. No Hammond’s candies are certified Scroll K Parve. Future packaging will be corrected and will bear the Scroll K DE designation.

Herr’s Kettle Cooked Potato Chips contains dairy ingredients, as listed on the ingredient panel, but the dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Future packaging will be revised.

Jelly Belly Classic Candies assortment (15.1 oz), UPC# 071567984782, contains dairy ingredients, but the dairy designation has inadvertently been omitted. Future packaging is being revised.

Libby’s Pumpkin Bread Kit With Icing is certified OUD, but the dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Future packaging will be revised. The Libby’s Pumpkin Bread Kit without Icing is certified as OU parve.

A very limited amount of **Terra** Kettles Pesto & Smoked Mozzarella was mislabeled Kof-K Parve, although it is Kof-K Dairy certified. Corrective measures are being taken.

Western Family Adventure Trail Mix and Nut Lover Trail Mix contain dairy ingredients, but the dairy designation was inadvertently omitted. Future packaging is being revised.

NOT RECOMENDED

Only the **Bigelow** teas that bear the Kof-K symbol are kosher certified. Pomegranate Pizzazz, is NOT kosher, and does not have a kosher symbol on the package.

Flora Italian Breadcrumbs, 12/24 oz, UPC# 2003800119, bear an unauthorized OU symbol and is being withdrawn from the marketplace.

Full Circle Shrimp bears an unauthorized OU symbol. This product is NOT kosher.

Gilgal Merlot Wine – imported from Romania bears an unauthorized OK symbol. These products are NOT kosher certified.

Effective immediately, all **Haji Baba** pita products are no longer certified by the Scroll K, even when bearing the Scroll K symbol on the bag. The use of the Scroll K symbol on Haji Baba, Boulder Pita and Falafel King products is unauthorized.

Jack Rabbit Ham flavored 16 Bean Soup bears an unauthorized OU symbol and is not certified Kosher by the Orthodox Union. This product is being withdrawn from the marketplace.

Prince Mac & Cheese Dinner, UPC# 0 41129 01050 1 bears an unauthorized OU symbol and is being withdrawn from the marketplace.

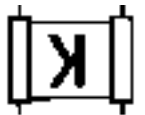
Skittles Candy Fan, UPC# 6 09454 61492 6 and Skittles Dry Erase Message Board, UPC# 6 09454 61501 5, produced by Candyrific, bears an unauthorized OUD symbol.

Treasures from the Sea products that have an OU symbol that is covered with a sticker are NOT certified by the Orthodox Union.

Quaker Bite Size Crispy Minis BBQ flavor and Cheddar flavor bears an unauthorized COR 595 symbol.

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