



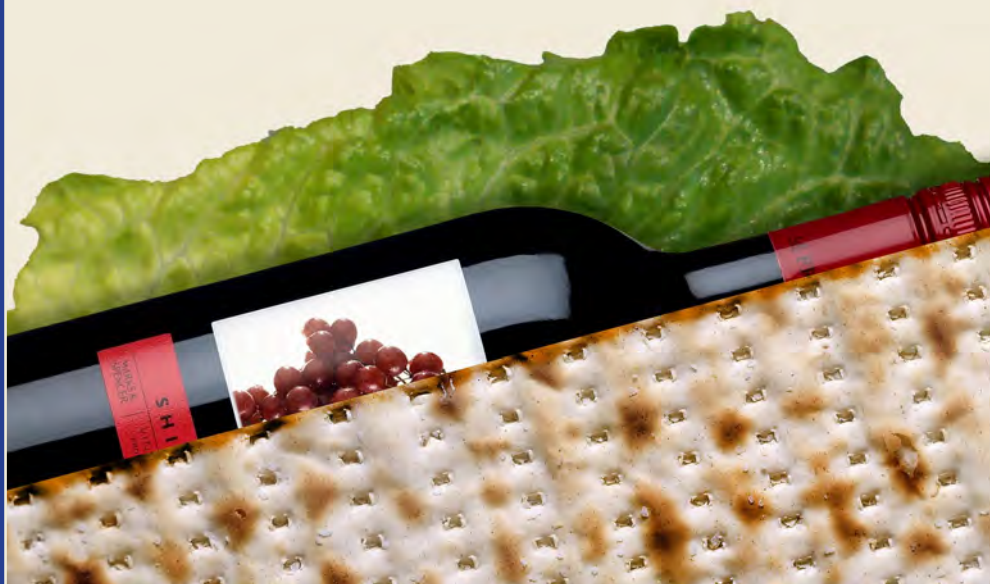
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## CHOMETZ ON PESACH

Chometz is any substance from one of five cereal grains (wheat, barley, oats, spelt, or rye), that contains leavening, caused by its prolonged contact with water or other liquids. It is important to note that Chometz/Se" or does not gtranslate into "yeast". It refers to leavening: namely self-rising from a sour-dough starter type of process. The prohibition of Chometz on Pesach includes "Chometz Gomur" (unadulterated Chometz) and "Ta'aruvav Chometz" (a mixture containing real Chometz).. The following are actual Chometz: bread, cake, cereal made from wheat, oats or barley, cookies, farfel mix, some licorice, pasta, pretzels, rolled oats, wheat gluten, wheat protein. Some have the same custom concerning beer and whiskey.

## KITNIYOS

Due to the stringency of the prohibition of not eating Chometz on Pesach, Ashkenazic Jews, as well as many Sephardim, have developed a custom not to eat kitniyos (legumes) on Pesach other than for infants and under other special circumstances provided that the foods are prepared in separate utensils. Kitniyos includes beans, soy, rice, peas, and corn among others: (see below). Sephardim, whose minhag (custom) permits them to eat rice on Pesach, must be careful to determine that the rice is additive-free. Many Sephardim have the minhag to check the rice three times, as well as to check for other grains that may be mixed in. In any case, open bins in stores should not be used. This year, again, the Star-K Kashrus organization is

certifying Carolina Mehadrin Rice for use for Sephardim on Pesach.

. A reliable source of acceptable products following this Sephardic custom is the Sephardi division of the J.S.O.R. at (732) 531-4872 or WWW.JSOR.ORG (be aware that a number of lists exist for Sephardim that are extremely misleading and erroneous).

The following are considered **kitniyos** or treated as kitniyos according to many opinions:

Alfalfa Sprouts, Anise, Ascorbic Acid (May be Chometz), Aspartame (Nutrasweet), BHA & BHT (both in corn oil), Beans, Bean Sprouts, Black Eyed Peas, Buckwheat, Calcium Ascorbate, Canola Oil, Caraway, Cardamom, Citric Acid (May be Chometz), Chickpeas, Confectioners' Sugar, Coriander, Corn, Corn Syrup, Corn Oil, Cumin, Dextrose, Edamame, Emulsifiers, Fennel Seeds, Fenugreek, Flavors, Flax Seeds (Linseed), Glucose, Green Beans, Hemp (unchecked), Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein, Isolated Soy Protein, Isomerized Syrup, Kasha, Kimmel, Lecithin, Lentils, Licorice, Lucerne, Lupine, MaltoDextrins (Chometz or kitnios-derived), Millet, MSG, Mustard, Peas, Peanuts (and Peanut Oil) Peas, Poly-sorbates (May be Chometz), Popcorn, Poppy Seeds, Pumpkin Seeds, Rapeseed, Rice (Vitamins added may be Chometz), Sesame Seeds, Snow Peas, Sodium Erythorbate, Sodium Citrate (May be Chometz), Sodium Erythorbate (May be Chometz), Sorbitan, Sorbitol (Could be Chometz if outside the U.S.), Soybeans, Soy Oil, Corn Oil, Soy, Stabilizers, Starch, String Beans, Sunflower Seeds, Tofu, Vegetable Oil, Vitamin C (may be Chometz), Wild Rice, Xanthan gum (May be Chometz). NOTE: Flax seed, chia and Hemp seed are not actually kitniyos and

can be used after checking for contamination of other grains.

The Following are not considered Kitniyos, but may require special checking for Chometz Grains Mixed in:

Anise, Carob, Chia Seeds, Coriander, Cottonseed, Cumin, Guar Gum, Locust Bean Gum, Safflower, Saffron.

### **GOING AWAY FOR PESACH**

One must sell his/her Chometz regardless of where they are for Pesach. This is the case even if one left home 30 days before Pesach and no one will be in the house during Pesach. It is necessary to inform the Rabbi selling your Chometz as to the location of the Chometz and to your location during Pesach so that he can know the proper time zones of selling and buying back the Chometz for you.

If a person leaves home before Pesach, within 30 days of Pesach, the night before his/her departure should do a regular Bedikas Chometz without a Bracha and recite "Kol Chamira" over the Chometz found in the house. Note: Kol Chamira should always be said in a language that one understands, as this is not a Tefilla, but a declaration. The alternative to an early Bedika is to appoint a Shaliach (messenger) to do a regular Bedikas Chometz with a Bracha on the proper night of Bedikas Chometz.

A guest in a hotel, who has Chometz in the hotel on the night of Bedikas Chometz should conduct themselves as they would at home, performing a full Bedika with a Bracha. It is the minhag to carefully put out pieces of

Chometz before beginning the Bedika.

### **BITUL (ANNULMENT) OF CHOMETZ**

During the year, any non - Kosher ingredients which are inadvertently mixed with Kosher ingredients may be Halachically (according to Jewish law) fit to eat. The reason for this leniency is that they are declared "Batel Beshishim" (annulled in sixty i.e., the Kosher food is at least sixty times greater than the non-Kosher, thus making the non-Kosher food annulled). This rule is true regarding Chometz on Pesach only if the mixture was made before Pesach..

Note: Lactaid drops may contain Chometz. Therefore, if needed they should be added to milk before Pesach to have the Chometz annulled in sixty times the amount of milk, applesauce etc. Before Pesach. This cannot be done once Pesach has started.

### **HANA'AH (BENEFIT) FROM CHOMETZ**

During Pesach, we may not derive any sort of benefit from Chometz. Therefore, Chometz may not be sold or used, even in business transactions or as pet food. Even some cosmetics must be Chometz-free. Generally, there is no problem with the following products if they are not organic in nature, and do not contain any grain by - products: Acne Aid, Mineral Oil, Baby Cream, Baby Oil, Eye Liner, Mascara, Rouge (Powder), Nail Polish, Talcum Powder, Stick Powder Deodorant, and Vaseline.

### **MECHIRAS (SELLING OF) CHOMETZ**

"Mechiras Chometz" is the sale of Jewish-owned Chometz to a non- Jew before Pesach. One must sell Chometz which is in their regular home, vacation home, office etc. Since this is a very serious sale, it should be done only by a person skilled in the Halachas of selling Chometz.

**The Following Are Considered Chometz Gamur (real Chometz): Beer, Bread, Cake & Cookies, Cereal with primary ingredient of wheat, oats or barley, Cream of Wheat, Couscous, Farfel, Licorice (when wheat is in the ingredients), Oatmeal (Instant, Regular Baby Cereal), Pasta, Pretzels, Rolled Oats, Wheat Gluten/Wheat Protein, Yeast (Brewer's).**

### **CHOMETZ SHE'AVAR ALAV HAPESACH**

(BUYING CHOMETZ AFTER PESACH)

Due to the severity of the "Issur" (prohibition) of Chometz, Chazal reinforced the sale of Chometz with a fine. This fine was levied on any Jews who kept Chometz in their possession or ownership during Pesach. This is called "Chometz She'avar Alav HaPesach." Jewish law requires that if a Jew owns Chometz on Pesach, no Jew is allowed to eat that food, even after Pesach.

Some common products that one may assume are Chometz, (but are actually not), and therefore may be purchased in a store that did not sell their Chometz are the following... baker's yeast, cosmetics, dry cake mixes, kitniyos, glue containing Chometz, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, pickles, medicine containing Chometz, maltodextrin, maltose, malt flavoring, food coloring, flour, extracts, raw pearled barley, vanilla and vitamins/medicine containing Chometz.

Rav Moshe Feinstein ZT"L, in his sefer "Igros Moshe", states that if a Jew sold his Chometz for Pesach, and then kept his store open during

Pesach and continued to sell items of Chometz, one is nevertheless allowed to buy from that store after Pesach.

**A Jew may buy from the following stores immediately after Pesach: 7-Eleven, Albertsons, Aldi, BJ's, Bev/Mo, Big Lots, Bristol Farms, Coffee Bean, Costco, CVS, Dollar Tree, Erewhon, Food4Less, Food Lion, Fresh & Easy, Gelson's, Jetro/Restaurant Depot, Jon's, K-Mart, Nuts & More, Petco, Petsmart, Ralphs/Kroger, Rite Aid, Royal Farms, Sadaf, Safeway, Sam's Club, Smart & Final, Smith's, Target, Trader Joe's, Vons/Pavillions, Walgreens, Walmart, Wegmans, Whole Foods, Wine & Liquor Depot**

**In addition, all reliably certified Kosher stores are fine to shop in for Chometz after Pesach since all reliably certified Kosher stores all sell their Chometz before Pesach.**

Note: Rabbi Elmaliach, the Rabbi in charge of Kashrus at Ben Gurion airport, reports that the stores at area D7 in the airport are clear of Chometz She'avar Olav Hapesach. The other stores in other areas of the airport had their Chometz sold but were open on Pesach and continued to sell Chometz during Pesach. Some Poskim allow purchases from such establishments after Pesach, while some do not. Please **note** that many of the products sold in Ben Gurion airport which are certified Kosher in the U.S. are not kosher there due to being produced in other countries without kosher supervision

### **KASHERING**

(MAKING UTENSILS KOSHER)

Utensils that are used during the year for Chometz may not be used to prepare food for Pesach unless they are properly Kasherred.

Cloth tablecloths (not plastic) and towels used year- round should be washed thoroughly and may then be used for Pesach.

Surfaces upon which only cold Chometz has been placed during the year, such as refrigerators and pantry shelves, should be thoroughly washed and rinsed to prepare them for Pesach use. Surfaces which are used for hot Chometz during the year, in addition, whenever possible must be Kasherred by pouring hot water on them. Surfaces that cannot be Kasherred (such as formica and ceramic tiles etc.) should first be cleaned thoroughly and then covered with non- absorbent material (i.e. contact paper, cardboard or multiple layers of aluminum foil).

#### **The different levels of Kashering:**

**Libbun Gomur** - torching or making the metal glow.

**Libun Kal** - heating the metal until it can burn paper on the other side.

**Hagolo** - dipping in boiling water.

**Eruy Roschim** - pouring boiling water. (*Note:* most steamers are insufficient for Kashering)

The general rule is that we undo as we did. If something uses straight dry heat (i.e. BBQ) we need to torch it or use self- clean in an oven which is the same. Soup pots are used with liquid, so they are kasherred with liquid in boiling water etc.

**Milui V'Eirui** – Soaking drinking glasses for 3 days in cold water, and changing the water every day.

#### **To Kasher:**

**Electric range**, first scour it thoroughly. Then, turn it on to the

highest temperature setting for 15 minutes, or until it gets red hot.

**Enamel glazed stove tops** should be covered during Pesach.

**Gas grates** should be put in the oven for Kashering or torched. Most cover with foil if not torched.

**Glass-top stoves** can be Kasherred in the area of the burners. They should be turned to high for 15 minutes. The areas in between cannot be Kasherred. Some find it practical to change the entire glass top for Pesach.

A **non-self-cleaning oven** should be cleaned with a special solution, such as "Easy Off" and not used for 24 hours. After this time, it should be turned on to the maximum setting for one hour. This will Kasher the oven, but not the broiler.

The **broiler pan** cannot be Kasherred, therefore, it is usually not used for Pesach. If the broiler pan is replaced, the broiler can be Kasherred in a similar fashion as the oven. If one desires to Kasher it, "Libbun" (glowing hot) is required (i.e., by using a torch).

A **self-cleaning oven** needs only to go through one self - clean cycle. It can be on the shortest cycle of your self-cleaning oven.

Many **microwave ovens** (those whose plastic walls do not exceed 120 degrees during cooking) without browning elements or convection can be Kasherred by first cleaning them and not using them for 24 hours, and then putting a new glass tray, or cardboard on the bottom. Afterwards, a cup or bowl of water should be boiled inside.

A **barbecue** grate must be Kasherred with "Libun Gamur" which includes torching any surface that food comes in contact with, in addition to cleaning and burning

out the rest of the barbecue as one would an oven. In addition, the coals or lava rock should be replaced. Often, it is more practical to purchase a new one for Pesach or at least to replace the grate.

A **stainless-steel sink** is Kasherred after it has first been cleaned, and then kept free from hot water usage for 24 hours. Then boiling water must be poured over its entire surface. Porcelain sinks, however, may not be Kasherred. They should be fully lined with a tin insert, contact paper, aluminum foil, and/or a Pesach basin insert.

**Dishwashers** may be Kasherred only if they have a stainless-steel interior. All racks must be changed. After waiting 24 hours, run a complete cycle with soap. All rubber or plastic parts must be replaced as well.

**Metal utensils** that are used with liquid (soup pots, etc.) may be Kasherred by first cleaning them, not using them for 24 hours, and finally, completely immersing them in a Kasherred pot full of boiling water for 15 seconds, followed by rinsing them in cold water immediately upon removal. They should be Kasherred one at a time. An alternate method, particularly useful for larger pots, is to set aside the pot for 24 hours, after which time it should be filled with water and then be brought to a boil. A glowing hot item, such as a rock, should then be placed inside, allowing the hot water to spill over the sides.

**Braces, bite plates and retainers** should be brushed thoroughly before Pesach.

**Countertops that cannot be Kasherred: Formica, Plastic,**

**Silestone, Composite Stone and Corian** countertops may NOT be Kasherred for Pesach according to many Poskim, and therefore, should be covered.

Caesarstone countertops may NOT be Kasherred for Pesach according to many opinions, as they are composed of only 93% stone.

**Countertops that may be Kasherred: Granite, Marble, metal, pure stone, or Stainless-Steel.** These may be Kasherred by pouring boiling hot water (not steam) on them (Eirui). Preferably this will be done together with an Even Melubenes (hot stone or brick) that the hot water is poured over. Some (such as the O/U and cRc) allow this procedure for composite stone, such as quartz, ceasorstone etc. The Star-k does not allow kashering composites or plastic counters. **Wood can be kasherred with sanding.** Many poskim do not allow kashering Formica or plastic counter tops. They should be covered well (after cleaning). All agree that ceramic tile counter tops cannot be kasherred and must be covered.

The following materials are subject to differing opinions if they can be Kasherred: China, Corelle, Corian, Cork, Corning ware, Duralex, Earthware, Enamel Coated Formica, Melmac, Nylon, Plastic, Porcelain, Pyrex, Synthetic Rubber, Teflon Coating. Some of the above are agreed upon that they cannot be kasherred. Ask your local rabbi.

**Note: Steam cleaners** most often may not be used for Kashering purposes, as Kashering must be done with boiling water (212F) as steam is insufficient.

**Water filter** - change the filter.

**Kitchen Items that may not be kasherred i.e.,** bread machines, china, colanders, corelle, coming ware, graters,

mixers, sandwich maker, silverstone, teflon, toaster oven, waffle iron, urn used to heat Challah, **etc.**, should be washed thoroughly and be put away in a completely sealed off area or container until after Pesach.

### **Kashering a Nespresso Machine:**

Please Note: The steps below are NOT intended for milk frothers or machines that use milk. It is ONLY for machines that make pure black coffee and are pareve...

1. Clean the outside of the machine using a new sponge and a cleaning agent (soap, liquid detergent etc.)
2. Make sure there is no pod in the machine
3. Fill the water canister
4. Turn the machine on
5. Use the Nespresso Descaling kit, ensuring there is no residue buildup
6. Run a cycle without a pod until the water that comes out is clear. This will clean the inside parts of the machine.
7. Do not use the machine for 24 hours.
8. After being left out of use for a full 24 hours, fill the canister to the top again.
9. Turn the machine on.
10. Kasher the machine by running a cycle without a pod once again.

*For a current list of Nespresso products for pesach please check [www.kosherquest.org](http://www.kosherquest.org)*

**Kashering A Keurig Coffee Maker:**  
**Please note: These instructions are for those who Kasher plastic.**  
**For those who do not Kasher**

**plastic, the coffee maker should be put away for Pesach.**

1. Clean the coffee maker and do not use for 24 hours.
2. Remove the K-Cup holder and perform Hagalah (boiling in water) or iruy (pouring boiling water over it) on the K-cup holder.
3. Run a Kosher for Pesach K-cup in the machine (this will Kasher the top pin).

### **EATING ON EREV PESACH**

Consumption of Chometz is prohibited on Erev Pesach, from a third of the day and after- this is usually counted four proportional hours from daybreak (see times to remember). It is also forbidden to eat Matzo, or anything baked with Matzoh on Erev Pesach. This prohibition includes egg Matzoh. This is to ensure that one will eat the Matzo at the Seder with a "hearty appetite". This prohibition includes cakes and cookies made from matzo meal. However, cooked Matzo products, such as knaidlach (Matzoh balls) are permitted. Non-Gebrochts products are suitable for this time- period. All foods should only be eaten in moderation from the ninth hour in the day and on, in order to have an appetite for the Seder. Imitation Matzo made from Tapioca and Potato ingredients is fine for Erev Pesach.

### **SELECTED LAWS & CUSTOMS**

One should prepare everything (for the first Seder) on Erev Pesach in order that the Seder should begin immediately upon arriving from Shul. This includes setting the table, etc. (Note: we cannot prepare for the Seder on Shabbos) It is a custom that pillows should be prepared for leaning on during the Seder. Women are not required to recline; however, male children are. It is also a custom among

some that the head of the household wears a Kittel during the Seder. In most places, the custom is that only the head of the household has a Seder plate and the three Matzos. Some, however, have a Seder plate and Matzos for each man present at the Seder. When only the head of the household has a Seder plate, he must provide for everyone at the Seder from his plate. Since there is usually not a sufficient amount of Matzo, Marror and wine to ensure that everyone present (male and female alike) has the required amounts during the Seder, additional Matzo, Marror and wine should be placed on the table for supplementary use.

### THE SEDER PLATE

One may not use **MARROR** (to fulfill the Mitzvah of Marror) that was soaked for 24 hours or longer. Soaking this long is called pickling and is Halachically considered cooked. One may only use uncooked vegetables for Marror. (Do not lean when eating Marror.)

**CHAROSES** can be made of ground apples, pears, pomegranates, dates, figs, walnuts, almonds, ginger and cinnamon, to which wine is added. Recipes may vary according to tradition.

**KARPAS** is any vegetable upon which a Brocho of "HaAdama" is made, that may be dipped in salt water or vinegar, and that may be used on Pesach. Parsley, celery, and potatoes are often used as Karpas.

**ZROA** is a piece of meat which is roasted over the fire. Most people use

a chicken neck or wing for this purpose.

**BAITZA** is an ordinary hard boiled or roasted egg. If one forgot to roast the Zroa or Baitza on Erev Pesach, and had to do it at night, he must eat the egg before sunset the next day.

### THE ARBA KOSOS (FOUR CUPS OF WINE)

It is preferable that the wine used at the Seder be red in color. For those who cannot drink wine, grape juice may be used (consult your Rabbi). If one must drink grape juice the 64 oz glass bottles or any other size that say on them non-Mevushal are preferable to the standard grape juice that has been cooked. Nevertheless, one should make every effort to drink wine at the Seder. It is preferable to add at least some wine to the grape juice.

Each cup of wine should contain at least 3.3 fluid ounces. It is preferable to drink the entire cup, or at least half of it, for each of the four cups. Due to this one should not use a very large cup as this will necessitate drinking a large amount for each cup.

Men must consume all cups of wine while reclining on their left side. If one drank either of the first two cups without reclining, he must drink again without a Brocho.

*Note:* Many Kosher wines (and some brands of grape juice in the 64oz. bottles) are not cooked and state "non-Mevushal." Therefore, care must be taken as to who handles them. (Most bottles that are cooked say "Mevushal" in English or Hebrew on the label).

*Note:* Many low-alcohol wines are now available. Some are pure wine while others are a mixture of wine and grape juice as indicated.

## **MATZOH**

Only **Shmurah Matzoh** (watched over from rising), which is made of grain that has been guarded against fermentation from the time of harvest, should be used for the Mitzvah of eating Matzoh at the Seder. Both hand and machine Shmurah Matzoh are acceptable. A person should own the Matzoh they are using for the Mitzvah. Over the past many decades there have been many opinions given as to the merits of hand versus machine Matzoh. Most use either one with proper Hashgacha.

**Shmurah Matzoh** has been watched in most cases from the time of cutting of the wheat to protect from unwanted moisture, which may make it rise.

**Eighteen Minute Matzoh** is run on machines that are cleaned every 18 minutes to prevent any possibility of the dough rising.

**Regular Pesach Matzoh** has been baked on a machine in under 18 minutes, but the machine will run all day without cleaning in between runs.

**Matzoh Ashira** is any Matzoh that contains products other than flour and water, such as grape juice or apple juice. The consumption of Matzoh Ashira is prohibited for most people throughout Pesach. Included in this category are: Matzoh which was kneaded with fruit juice, egg matzoh, tea Matzoh, honey and spice Matzoh and some chocolate covered Matzoh. However, this prohibition does not apply to infants or people who are ill. When in doubt, consult your Rabbi.

Even one who is allowed to eat Matzoh Ashira, cannot fulfill their

Mitzvah of Achilas Matzoh (eating Matzoh) with it.

**Gluten Free Matzoh** - A limited amount of Oat and Spelt Matzoh is produced as Shmura and regular (non-Shemura) for those who cannot tolerate wheat Matzoh for medical reasons. One can fulfill the Mitzvah of eating Matzoh at the Seder with such Shmura Matzoh. More information concerning this product can be found at [www.Glutenfreeoatmatzos.com](http://www.Glutenfreeoatmatzos.com) or call (732) 364-8757.

**Gluten Free Shehakol "Matzoh Style"**. This product is made from tapioca with a bracha of "Shehakol". It has no relation to Matzoh other than artificially made to "look" like a Matzoh. Gefen and Yehuda Matzoh companies, as well as some others, manufacture imitation Matzoh. This is an excellent product to eat Erev Pesach and any other time one does not wish to consume Matzoh. (it is also a wonderful imitation Matzoh that can be eaten out of a Sukkan since it is not real Matzoh). Obviously, this product cannot be used as a substitute at any time for real Matzoh.

## **MEDICINE**

Most prescriptions can be filled with Kosher for Pesach medicine. For information on the Kosher status of your medicines, contact your local reliable Rabbi. In the Los Angeles area, Syds Pharmacy, located at 7111 Beverly Blvd., carries a wide variety of Kosher for Pesach vitamins and medications. Call them at (323) 933-8571.

Rabbi Bess of Los Angeles has compiled the most detailed reliable list in the U.S. He can be reached at (323) 933- 7193. Rabbi Bess together with the Star-K publishes the Passover Directory with this information. Since some prescriptions,

unfortunately, are not available with Kosher certification, we will mention some guidelines for those who must take medicine on Pesach.

1. If one suffers from an illness through which one's life may become endangered, one may eat Chometz on Pesach and may use any medication needed to avoid a life-threatening situation. This Chometz should be owned by a non-Jew.
2. If someone is ill, but his life is not endangered, he may not eat Chometz on Pesach. However, he may take Chometz medicine under certain circumstances as long as he does not take it in the normal way (i.e., a pill without a cup of water). A Rabbi should be consulted if the need for such medication should occur.
3. Generally speaking, cough syrups and other liquid medicines may contain grain alcohol and may not be used on Pesach. When one must take medicine during Pesach, his/her doctor should be asked to prescribe medicine without alcohol or capsules.

Many over the counter medicines require no special certification to be used on Pesach. Consult your Rabbi for specific questions. For a complete listing of this year's Kosher for Pesach vitamins (as well as year-round vitamins) go online to [www.koshervitamins.com](http://www.koshervitamins.com). Note: All Freeda Vitamins and FNP supplements are produced all year round in a Chometz-free facility. However, some may contain Kitniyos. See Freeda's site [cs@freedahealth.com](mailto:cs@freedahealth.com) or call them at 800 77-3737 for more information on their Pesach products.

## **TOILETRIES**

Rabbi Bess lists the following ingredients as possible Kashrus issues connected to Pesach:

Amino Peptide Complex, Amp-Isostearoyl Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein, Avena Sativa Flour, Avena Sativa Kernel Protein, Barley Extract, Beta Glucan, Disodium Wheatgermido Peg-2 Sulfosuccinate, Hordeum Vulgare Extract, Hydrolyzed Wheat Gluten, Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein, Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein PgPropyl Silanetriol, Hydrolyzed Wheat Starch, Hydroxypropyltrimonium Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein, Oat Beta Glucan, Oat Extract, Oat Flour, Phytosphingosine Extract, Prolamine, Sodium Lauroyl Oat Amino Acids, Stearyldimoniumhydroxypropyl Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein, Triticum Vulgare, Triticum Vulgare Flour Lipids, Triticum Vulgare Germ Extract, Triticum Vulgare Germ Oil, Wheat Amino Acids, Wheat Bran Extract, Wheat Germ Extract, Wheat Germ Glycerides, Wheat Germanidopropylidmonium Hydroxypropyl Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein, Wheat Germ Oil, Wheat Protein, Wheat Sphingolipids.

## **FROZEN VEGETABLES**

There are many issues concerning the use of frozen vegetables for Pesach. Most large companies, such as S&W, Green Giant and Bird's Eye, purchase their vegetables from many different processors. Due to increased competition in this industry from Mexico and Guatemala, many packers are processing pasta and vegetables in the same blanching equipment when it is not being used for pure vegetables. This is done at temperatures between 100 to 200 degrees, thus making the machinery Halachically unacceptable for Pesach use. However, some companies use steam blanchers, which are not usable for pasta.

Bodek, Garden Pure, as well as others carry many frozen vegetables which are certified for Pesach.

## **FRESH VEGETABLES**

In general, fresh vegetables do not pose a special concern for Pesach. However, fruits and vegetables from Israel require that Terumos and Maasros be taken. Leafy vegetables require the same level of inspection for insects as during the rest of the year. This is a particular concern for many who use romaine lettuce for the Mitzvah of Marror. To avoid this problem, some choose to use romaine stalks only, which are easier to rinse and check for insects. There are romaine lettuce stalks and other produce certified for Pesach that are not checked for insects. One needs to make sure that the Hechscher covers both the Pesach and insect issues. This year additional care must be taken that no Shmitta issues exist.

## **SODA**

Only Kosher for Pesach certified soda that replaces the corn syrup with cane sugar and has certified formula can be used. The formula as well needs to be certified for Pesach..

*Note:* Commonly, Coke and others will be reliably certified for Pesach. The bottle, however, may list "corn syrup/sugar" as an ingredient. As long as the product bears a reliable Pesach certification, the soda has been reformulated to meet all Pesach concerns.

*Note:* Coke is being produced for Pesach most major cities this year. Coke will be available in Boston, Baltimore-Washington, Miami, and

Atlanta as well as most of the East Coast.. All the Passover Coke items will be marked with a distinctive yellow cap in addition to the O/UP symbol on the cap or shoulder of the bottle.

## **EGGS**

The Minhag (custom) is to buy eggs that were laid before Pesach. This is because chickens are usually given feed which is Chometz..

*Note:* Eggs do not require a Hechscher, even when pasteurized.

## **MILK**

Due to the modern pasteurizing processes used in the milk industry, many nutrients are inadvertently removed.

Governmental regulations dictate that Vitamin D, and in some cases, Vitamin A be added to milk before its sale. The amounts added are very minute.

Inasmuch as Vitamins A and D are often derived from Chometz or kitniyos, and since mixtures of even small amounts of Chometz on Pesach are not "batel" (annulled), we must be cautious concerning milk which contains these additives.

Another matter of concern is the processing equipment. Milk companies often produce chocolate milk on the same equipment that they use for their plain "white" milk. The chocolate milk may contain malt, which is made from grain. In order to avoid these problems, two steps are necessary. First, it is necessary to make sure that the dairy company whose milk we purchase for Pesach processes only plain "white" milk and not chocolate milk. Secondly, the milk that we need for all of Pesach must be bought before Pesach. By doing so, the vitamins in the milk are deemed "batel" (annulled) from before Pesach (since Bitul works if the

mixture occurs before Pesach), and therefore, may be used on Pesach. Whenever possible, certified Kosher for Passover milk is preferable.

## **MILK SUBSTITUTES**

Many people i.e., infants, elderly, those who are ill etc. often warrant consuming kitniyos but not Chometz. The following products (partial list) are free of actual Chometz:

Infant Formula - Alsoy, CVS, EnfaCare, Enfamil, Enfapro, Giant, Heinz Nurture, Isomil, Mother's Choice, Nestle Good Start, Next Step, ProSobee, Rite Aid, Safeway Select, Similac, Target, Walgreens, Wegmans'.

Soy Milk - 365 Everyday Value (original, Light and Unsweetened), Fit & Active, Hy-Vee, Market Basket (unsweetened), Meijer, Nature's Place, Nature's Promise Organic, Shoprite, Stop & Shop.

Almond Milk - 365 Everyday Value, Kroger, Market Basket, Meijer, Nature's Place, Ralphs, ShopRite.

Rice Milk - Original Clearly Organic, Harris Teeter, Krasdale Organic, Meijer, Nature's Promise, Rice Dream (unsweetened only), ShopRite.

*Note:* all of the above are best in liquid form and bought before Pesach.

## **OIL**

Oil from olives, palm, coconut, and walnuts are acceptable for Pesach with a proper Kosher for Pesach Hashgacha. This is because the fruit they are extracted from is not kitniyos. Minchas Yitzchok (III:138:2) suggests that cottonseed oil is kitniyos, but in a subsequent teshuva (IV:113:3), he reconsiders this position. In the U.S., cottonseed oil is generally not

considered to be kitniyos but in Eretz Yisroel there are those who refrain from using it.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil with reliable Hashgacha (year-round) is recommended for Pesach use, even without special Pesach certification. The same applies to many virgin coconut oils (see listings)

## **SUPERMARKETS**

One of the major conveniences that is enjoyed in many parts of the United States, is being able to shop in our large National supermarket chains for Kosher items all year and in particular, for Pesach. Along with this convenience, however, comes a responsibility to check well for the Pesach certification on each item we buy. It is not uncommon for non-Pesach items to be found on the Pesach designated shelves. Be careful to only buy in original packaging and not items repacked.

## **Pet Food**

One of the many challenges of Pesach is finding Halachically permissible pet food. There are two separate Kashrus issues about which one should be aware. One is related specifically to Pesach, and the other related to the rest of the year as well. The year-round problem concerns the mixing of milk and meat. It states three times in the Torah "Lo Sevashel G'dee Bachalev Imo". Literally, this is a prohibition against cooking milk and meat together. However, from the fact that the Torah states this three times, and uses the term Gedee (kid), the Gemorrah (Talmud) in Chulin (113A 115B) explains this to mean that milk from any Kosher species and meat from any Kosher species (i.e. beef mixed with cow's milk or goat's milk etc.) are forbidden to: a) be

cooked together, b) be eaten together, c) derive benefit or pleasure from them. These prohibitions (from the Torah) do not apply to poultry or venison. In order to avoid confusion, the Rabanan (Rabbis) extended the prohibition of eating milk and meat together to include poultry and venison. However, deriving benefit from poultry mixed with milk was not included in this decree. Therefore, chicken with whey, milk or cheese is permissible in pet food.

Commonly, dog and cat foods contain milk and meat mixtures, and therefore, are forbidden to Jewish pet owners all year round. There is an additional problem for a Jew who is a pet owner during Pesach. The basis for this problem is that Chometz carries with it three "Isurim" (prohibitions) a) Hanaah (benefit), b) Ownership, c) Baal Yimatze (it must be completely removed from a person's premises). A person who owns a pet is obligated to feed it in a timely manner, and due to the prohibition of deriving any pleasure or benefit from Chometz, we are not permitted to use or own pet food containing any type of Chometz on Pesach. Therefore, it is important to be aware of the prevalent use of the five grains: **wheat (germ, cracked, flour, gluten, ground, grouts, middlings, starch), rye, barley (cracked flour), oats (flour, grouts, hulled) & spelt** in dog and cat foods today. Other Chometz ingredients are **Brewer's Yeast, Gluten, Malt, Pasta, Starch and Xanthan Gum**. Almost all dry pet foods list wheat or oats as their first ingredient. This is true for fish food and bird foods as well.

*Note:* Only clay or wood-based Kitty Litter may be used on Pesach, as others may contain Chometz.

**Abound Grain Free Canned Cat Food**

**Additional Animal-Related Concern:** Often the products that one may purchase at a local zoo to feed the animals contain Chometz and should not be purchased or fed to the animals on Pesach.

Be sure to check the ingredients on the label to be sure there is no obvious chometz ingredients.

## **Cat Food**

### **Blue Freedom Grain Free Indoor**

(canned – Chicken for Kittens, Chicken for Cats, Fish, Flaked Chicken in Tasty Gravy, Chicken for Mature Cats)

**Evanger's** (when bearing cRc Passover approval)

**Friskies** (canned – Pate Chicken and Tuna Dinner, Pate Turkey and Giblets, Pate Country Style Dinner, Pate Mariners Catch, Pate Salmon Dinner, Pate Poultry Platter, Pate Mixed Grill, Pate Liver and Chicken Dinner),

**Kirkland (Costco)** (dry - Maintenance Chicken & Rice, Natures Domain Salmon & Sweet Potato)

**Kirkland (Costco)** – (canned Pate Grain-Free 3 Flavor Variety – Chicken, Salmon, Turkey)

**Merrick Grain Free Limited Ingredient Diet** (canned – Real Chicken, Real Duck, Real Salmon, Real Turkey)

**Merrick Purrfect Bistro Grain-Free** (dry – Adult (Hairball Control, Weight Control, Real Chicken and Sweet Potato, Real Salmon and Sweet Potato Sensitive Stomach), Healthy Kitten)

**Wellness Core Grain-Free Classic Pate** (canned – Chicken & Turkey and Chicken Liver, Kitten Chicken and Salmon, Kitten

Turkey and Chicken, Turkey and Duck, White Fish and Salmon and Herring)

## **Dog Food**

**Blue Freedom Grain Free** (canned – Beef Recipe Adult, Chicken Recipe (Adult, Small Breed, Puppies, Senior), (Lamb Recipe Adult)

**Blue Wilderness Grain Free** (Dry):  
Chicken, Salmon

**Evangers** - When bearing cRc  
Passover approval

**Kirkland/Costco Nature's Domain Canned** – Turkey & Pea Stew

**Kirkland (Costco) Natures' Domain** (dry) – Puppy chicken & Pea, Salmon and Sweet Potato

**Purina Pro Plan Grain-Free** (canned – Adult Beef & Salmon Entrée, Adult Chicken and Carrot Entrée)

**Wellness Core Grain Free (dry)** – (Lamb, Large Breed Original, Large Breed Puppy, Ocean, Original Adult, Puppy, Small Breed Healthy Weight, Small Breed Original, Small Breed Puppy, Wild Game)

**Wellness Core Grain Free** (canned) – Beef & Venison & Lamb, Turkey and Chicken Liver and Turkey Liver, White Fish and Salmon and Herring

**Wellness Core Grain Free Ninety Five Percent** (canned) – Beef, Chicken & Turkey

## **Fish Food**

Fish food and vacation blocks often contain Chometz. The following are acceptable fish food for Pesach:

**Pro Balance Vacation Feeder** (3 day feeder – PBV 3), **7 day feeder** (PBV 7), **14 day feeder** (PBV 14N).

**Zoo Med Laboratories Giant Plankton Banquet Block Feeder.**

**Note: Tetra Tropical Slow-Release Feeders, which were acceptable in the past, have started including oatmeal in new formulations and should NOT be used.**

**Freeze dried or frozen Brine Shrimp, Freeze dried worms and Tubular Worms are all acceptable**

## **Turtles**

**Fluker's Turtle Diet for Aquatic Turtles**

**Dark, leafy green vegetables (such as collard, mustard and dandelion greens, kale, bok choy, deep green lettuces, parsley).**

## **Reptiles and Geckos**

Crickets and grasshoppers, earthworms, mealworms, silkworms, fruit flies, moths, roaches, calcium and Vitamin D supplementation (Zoo med-Repti Calcium with D3)

## **Adult Bearded Dragons**

**They can follow the same diet as Geckos in addition to the following:**

**Fruit (including kiwi, banana, mango, papaya, apple)**

**Mixed vegetables (deep leafy greens, squash, carrots, greens)**

**Calcium and vitamin D supplementation (e.g. Zoo Med Repti Calcium with D3)**

**Birds (Parrots, Parakeets, Cockatiels, Canaries and Macaws)**

**Notes about birds:**

**Millet and Sorghum can serve as main diet.**

**Peanuts, Sunflower Seeds, and Safflower Seeds can also be given.**

Larger birds, such as parrots, can eat pure alfalfa pellets (make sure it is pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains) or dry dog food, as well as millet, sorghum and sunflower seeds.

Doves, Finches, Pigeons, Sparrows can all have dog food (see dog food list above).

Smaller birds can also have pure alfalfa pellets, crush before feeding, as well as millet (sorghum & Sunflower seeds are too large)

Can be supplemented with cottage cheese, rice cakes (birds like to eat these), small pieces of lean meat, Matzah, berries, eggs, canned baby fruits. All large food should be shredded before serving. These items should be given sparingly.

Avoid the following for all birds: apple and pear seeds, all dairy products (only small amounts of cottage cheese), all fruit pits, avocado, mushrooms and peanuts.

For minerals, they can have oyster shells (calcium) or mineral block.

The greater the variety, the better.

**Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, Gerbils & Rabbits**

It is best to feed pure alfalfa pellets to these animals. Make sure the pellets are pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains. Dried alfalfa may also be given.

One can also supplement with a mixture of cut-up fruits and vegetables such as: carrots, broccoli, apples, melon, kale, parsley, oranges, celery,

dry corn, sunflower seeds, and cabbage. One can also give Matzah. If the animal is not used to eating any of these Items, give sparingly.

**Guinea pigs** will especially benefit from kale, parsley, and oranges.

Pure Timothy Hay is NOT chometz and may be used.

Hamsters especially will benefit from apples. They can also have other fruits and vegetables, matzah, millet, puffed rice, pure alfalfa pellets or hay, raw sunflower and pumpkin seeds.

Guinea pigs will especially benefit from kale, parsley, and oranges as well as vitamin C added to their diet.

Mice and rats will eat sunflower seeds, greens, vegetables, and potatoes.

**ITEMS THAT MAY BE USED WITHOUT PESACH CERTIFICATION**  
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**Abdominal Discomfort** - Adwe Stool Softener, Alka - Seltzer (original effervescent Tablets), Dramamine (original (dairy), less drowsy tablets (dairy), chewable tablet (orange), Konsyl Powder Original formula - Unflavored (no kitniyos), Gelusil tablets, Diclegis (for nausea and vomiting of pregnancy - COR), Imodium A-D (Caplets, Oral Solution), Metamucil 4 in 1 Original Coarse Powder (no Kitniyos), Orange Smooth Powder (Regular & Sugar-Free), Miralax Powder, Phillips Milk of Magnesia (unflavored, Original Liquid - no Kitniyos) and Orange Smooth Powder Regular & Sugar Free, Pepcid, Pepto Bismol (Original Liquid), Phillips' Milk of Magnesia (Original Liquid no Kitniyos), Rolaid's (animal glycerin and Kitniyos), Bicarbonate of Soda, Senokot (Extra Strength Tablets (dairy) & Senokot- extra

strength Tablets (dairy), Zantac (not liquid), Imodium, Gas-X

**Agave** - Health Garden Organic Raw Agave Sweetener (O/K)

**Air Freshener** - All

**Alcohol** - All Isopropyl (for external use)

**Alcoholic Beverages** - Patron Silver Tequila, Vinprom-Troyan Brandy – apple, apricot and plum Brandy (Star-K)

**Almond Milk Original** - (Kitniyos - To be used only for the infirm and children who need an alternative to standard milk on Pesach. Utensils used for this product should be washed separately) 365 Everyday Value (O/U), Almond Breeze Original & Unsweetened (O/U), Almondsense (O/U), Cal-Pure Almond Meal Blanched-Raw (O/U), Essential Everyday (O/U), Fred Meyer (O/U), Fresh & Easy (O/U), Friendly Farms (O/U), Full Circle (O/U), Golden Orchard (O/U), H-E-B (O/U), Hy-Vee (O/U), Laura Lynn (O/U), Market Basket (O/U), Meijer (O/U), Natural Direction (O/U), Nature's Place (O/U), Paramount Farms Meal (O/U), Price Chopper (O/U), Roundy's (O/U), Shoprite (O/U), Silk (O/U), So Delicious Unsweetened (O/U), Sunnyside Farms (O/U), Tree of Life (O/U), Winn-Dixie (O/U).

**Almond Flour/M Meal:** Barney Bakery (O/U), Blue Diamond Growers Fine and X-Fine Blanched and Natural Almond Flour (O/K), Kirkland (Kof-K), Mandelin Grower Direct (CCK– California Kosher Needs)

**Aluminum Foil and Pans** - All uncoated without release agent

**Aluminum Foil** - Kirkland Sheets and Service Foil

**Ammonia** - All

**Ant & Roach Spray** - All

**Antacid** - Zantac, Pepcid, Roloids (contains animal glycerin and Kitniyos)

**Ammonia** - All

**Aluminum Disposable Containers** - All uncoated without listed release agent

**Avocado Oil** – Chosen Foods (O/U)

**Baby Bottles** - Since they come into contact with Chometz during the year, new bottles should be purchased for Pesach use.

**Baby Cereal** - All baby cereal requires reliable KFP certification. Year-round baby rice cereal is not acceptable because it is made on Chometz equipment.

**Baby Food** - Gerber (O/U) Carrots Squash (acceptable for Pesach l'chatchila even for adults). Green Beans and peas are kitniyos.

**Baby Formula** - These products are NOT certified kosher for Pesach use by the O/U, however, the O/U has identified these products as Halachically acceptable for infants and those who are ill. These products must bear an O/U or O/UD symbol (should be prepared in separate utensils, away from Pesach kitchen area, as they contain Kitniyos) 365 Everyday Value O/U, Baby Basics (O/U), CVS (O/U) EnfaCare - all liquids and powders (O/U), Enfamil – all liquids and powders (O/U), Enfagrow – all liquids and powders (O/U), Gerber Good Star (O/U), Giant (O/U), Heinz Nurture (O/U), Isomil - all liquids & powders (O/U), Kirkland Signature (O/U), Nestle Good Start (O/U), Similac - all liquids & powders (O/U), Target (O/U), Walgreens (O/U)

**Baby Laundry Detergent** - Dreft (Proctor & Gamble – O/U), Essential Everyday (O/U), Seventh Generation (O/U)

**Baby Oil** - All pure

**Baby Ointment** - All (according to the O/U)

**Baby Medicine** - Advil Children's Junior Strength Tablets, Bayer Children's Aspirin, Benadryl Children's Allergy Liquid (Cherry, Dye-Free Liquid, Bubble Gum, Plus Congestion - Grape), Miralax Powder, Motrin Infant' Drops - Dye-Free Berry, Motrin Children's Suspension - bubble Gum, Berry, and Dye-Free Berry, Pedialyte, Sudafed Children's Nasal Decongestant - Grape, Sudafed PE Children's Nasal Decongestant - Berry, Sudafed PE Children's Cold & Cough - Grape, Tylenol Infants' Oral Suspension - Grape, Tylenol Children's Suspension - Cherry

**Baby Powder** - All pure Talcum Powders (such as Johnsons) - Any not listing oat flour as an ingredient.

**Baby/Pediatric Electrolytes** - **The O/U has identified the following products as Halachically acceptable for infants and those who are ill even though these products are NOT certified Kosher for Pesach by the O/U for the general public. These products must bear an O/U or O/UD symbol:**

Bright Beginnings (O/U), CVS (O/U), Enfamil Enfalyte Oral Electrolyte Solution (O/U), HEB Baby (O/U), Meijer (O/U), Parent Choice, Pedialyte (all flavors) (O/U), Walgreens

**Pediatric Supplements** – Boost Kid Essentials (1.0, 1.5), Boost Kid Essentials with Fiber, Di-Vi-Sol, Fer-In-Sol Drops, Poly-Vi-Sol Drops, Tri-Vi-Sol, Resource Just for Kids with Fiber, Pediasure (all Shakes, liquids, powders – all flavors – excluding bars)

**Baby Wipes** - All without alcohol (such as Johnson's Baby Washcloth)

**Bags** (paper and plastic) - All

**Baking Soda** (NOT Baking Powder) - All pure bicarbonate.

**Baking Pans** (aluminum) - All uncoated without release agent

**Balloons** - Without any powder

**Band Aids** - All (including medicated)

**Bath Treatments** - Some Bath treatments contain oatmeal, which is real Chometz. These may not be used on Pesach and must be sold or disposed of before Pesach.

**Beverages** - Sodastream (O/U)

**Bleach** - All

**Bird Food** - (see above "Pet Food" section)

**Blush** (make up) - All powdered

**Body Wash** - All

**Boric Acid** - All

**Bowl and Tub Cleaners** - All

**Breath Strips** - Require Kosher for Pesach certification - Kitniyos

**Buckwheat Airline Pillows** - Kitniyos, not Chometz

**Candles** - All

**Cat Food** - see Pet Food article.

**Cardboard** - All

**Carpet Cleaners** - All

**Charcoal Briquettes** - (for a barbeque) - All (including flavored)

**Cheesecloths** - All

**Chia Seeds** - Any raw without additives (check seeds before Pesach for any other grain that may be mixed in). Navitas (Earth K) is one example

**Cleansers** – All (i.e., Ajax, Bab-O, Fantastic,)

**Cocoa Powder** - Any domestically produced 100% pure cocoa, with no additives, may be used. (i.e. Hershey's)

**Coconut Aminos/Crystal** - Coconut Secret (Star-K)

**Coconut Chips/Flakes** - Arya (Star-K) Coconut Chips, Aunt Patty's (Star-K), Coconut Secret (Star-K), Cocozia (Star-K), Epicurex (Star-K), Trader Joe's Flakes & Chips (Kosher Check) (unsweetened)

**Coconut Cream** - Trader Joes

**Coconut Crystals** - Coconut Secret (Star-K)

**Coconut Flour** - Coconut Secrets (Star-K), Cocozia (Star-K), Epicurex (Star-K), Miditer (Star-K), Trader Joes (Kosher Check) (unsweetened)

**Coconut Milk** - Requires Hashgacha for Pesach. But, for the infirm and children who need an alternative to regular milk on Pesach if Coconut Milk with Hashgacha is unavailable the following may be used: Coconut Dream Original Variety (O/U), Trader Joes (reduced fat and regular)

**Coconut virgin oil** – O/U policy includes all with an O/U i.e. Amazon Grocery, Food Club, Harvest Farms Organic, Nutiva, Shurfine, Trader Joe's, Miditer (Star-K).

**Coconut Products** - Miditer Organic Coconut Cake, Organic Coconut Water (Star-K)

**Coconut (shredded)** - All Unsweetened & Unflavored

Coconut Vinegar - Coconut Secret (Star-K)

**Coffee Whole (Beans/Ground)** – All Regular, unflavored only - NOT Decaffeinated - Do not require special Passover certification. However, the grinder must be cleaned well. The following are *some* examples of acceptable coffees without a "P" designation: Ellis (O/U), European Coffee Classics, Excellent Coffee

100% Colombian and Excellent Blend (Star-K), Parker House/Pinnacle (O/U), White House/Pinnacle (O/U), Maxwell House (O/K)

**Coffee Ground or Whole Bean Unflavored, Decaffeinated** -

(O/U), Brooklyn Coffee House (O/U), Brooklyn Roasting Company (O/U), Daniels Blend (O/U), Ellis (O/U), (O/U), Hena (O/U), Kirkland Signature and Signature International (O/U), Parker House/Pinnacle, (O/U), White House/Pinnacle (O/U)

**Coffee (Instant - Regular Unflavored, including Classic, Dark Roast, Gourmet French Roast etc.)** – Folgers (O/U), McCafe (O/U), Nescafe Taster's Choice (O/U), Via (O/U)

**Coffee (Instant - Decaffeinated Unflavored)** - Brooklyn Roasting Co.

(O/U), Coffee Direct (O/U),

**Coffee K-cups/Pods** - Follows general rules of all coffee (unflavored, Not decaffeinated). Some examples: Best Buy (O/U), Chock Full O' Nuts (O/U), Donut House Collection (O/U), Dunkin' Donuts (O/U), Eight O'Clock (O/U), Folgers (O/U), Green Mountain (O/U), Illy (O/U), Joffrey's Coffee & Tea Co. (O/U), Kauai (O/U), Krispy Kreme (O/U), Market Basket (O/U), Melitta (O/U), Newman's Own & Organic (O/U), Nescafe/Taster's Choice (O/U), Peet's (O/U), Seattle's Best (O/U), Smart & Final (O/U), Starbucks (O/U), Tim Hortons (O/U) Timothy's World Coffee (O/U), Tully's Coffee (O/U), Van Houtte (O/U)

*Note: A dedicated-for-Pesach coffee brewing machine is necessary.*

**Coffee Nespresso Capsules** - This product is under Basel Kosher Commission (Rabbi Levinger). For a full

list check [kosherquest.org](http://kosherquest.org) or [www.kosher-basel.ch](http://www.kosher-basel.ch)

**Coffee** (freeze dried, regular unflavored, NOT Decaf or Chicory) Folgers (O/U), Nescafe Tasters Choice, National Brands (Star-K)

**Coffee (Iced/Cold Brew)** - The Chosen Bean (ORB)

**Coffee Filter** - All unflavored

**Cold Medication** – Allegra-D (12 Hr. Tablets), Benadryl Children’s Allergy (Liquid all flavors, dye free all flavors, children’s grape chewable, children’s plus congestion), Claritin-D (12 hr. tablets – dairy, 24 hr. tablets) Children’s Cold Tylenol, Excedrin Sinus, Vicks Nyquil & Dayquil Cold/Flu, Vicks 44 (including 44D, 44E, 44M), Chapstick Cold Sore Therapy, Triaminic - HCTZ, Blistex, Neosporin, Afrin Nasal Spray, Zyrtec (tablets or syrup)

**Conditioners** - All

**Contact Lens Fluid** - All

**Cooking Spray** - Pompeian Avocado & Grapeseed Oil (Star-K)

**Copper Cleaner** - All (i.e., Hagerty (O/U))

**Cork** – All

**Contact Lense Solution** - All

**Cosmetics** (except possibly lipstick) - All (according to the O/U)

**Cough Medicine** - Coricidin, Delsym Liquid, Mucinex Liquid, Quality Choice Liquid (99413 appears under bar code), Robitussin DM & Maximum Strength Liquid Cough Medicine, Scot-Tussin

**Crayons** – All Crayola Crayons products are chometz-free, except for: Crayola Dough, Glitter Dots and Easy Peel Crayon Pencils. These products contain wheat and should be sold with

the chometz. Silly Putty is fine for use on Pesach.

**Crockpot Liner** - All

**Cups** – All paper, plastic, or Styrofoam  
**Cups**

**Cupcake Holders (foil)** – All

**Cupcake Holders** - Paper – (All According to the O/U) Paperchef (Star-K)

**Cutlery (Plastic)** - All

**Deli** - Empire, Solomon’s Company Buffalo (O/U)

**Dental Floss** - All unflavored brands (waxed or unwaxed)

**Denture Cleansers** - Polident, Fixodent, Super Poli-Grip

**Deodorant** – All powder and solid stick powder may be used.

**Detergent (Clothes)** - All (i.e., Amway & Shaklee (Basic G Germicide, Basic H Concentrate Organic Cleaner, Get Clean Basic H2 Organic Super Cleaning Concentrate, Get Clean Basic H2 Organic Wipes, Get Clean Scour Off Heavy Duty Paste), Ajax, Tide, All, Fab, Windex etc.)

**Dish Detergent** – All Kosher brands of Dish Detergent (i.e. Ajax (O/U), Cascade (O/U), Ivory O/U)

**Dishwasher Detergent** - All (with reliable Kashrus symbol)

**Diapers** - All

**Dog Food** - (See “Pet Food” article)

**Drain Openers** - All

**Dried Fruits** – Albertson’s Raisins, Aunt Patty’s (Star-K), Baraka (Star-K), Delizia (Star-K), Dole Raisins, Empire (Star-K), Galil (Star-K), Great Lakes (Star-K), Happy Apricots (Star-K), Kroger Raisins, Natural Food Source (Star-K), Natural Food Source (Star-K), Ralph’s Raisins, Smart Harvest (Star-K), Sunny Fruit (Star-K), Sunrose (Star-K), Sunsational Fruits (Star-K), Trader Joe’s (Raisins, Bing Cherries, Fancy Dried Nectarines, Fancy Dried Pears)

**Eggs** – All (including eggs with Omega 3, citric acid and egg salted egg yolks) - Although eggs have been exposed to Chometz chicken feed, the water/mineral cleaning solution removes the Chometz before Pesach. It is, therefore, preferable to purchase already/cleaned eggs before Pesach. Pasteurized or with ink stamp are acceptable for Pesach.

**Egg Products** - Abbotsford Farms Pasteurized Shell Eggs (O/U), Davidson's Pasteurized Shell Eggs (O/U), Glenview Farms Frozen Egg Yolks with 10% Sugar (6/5 lb. Cartons) (O/U), Gordon's Choice (O/U), Nature's Design/Newburg Egg Corp Eggs Natural (O/U), Newburg Egg Corp (Egg White Cage Free, Liquid Whole Egg Cage Free, Salt Yolk Cage Free, Sugar Yolk Cage Free, Organic Hard Cooked Eggs Pouch) (O/U)

**Electrolytes & Oral Hydration** – These products are NOT certified Kosher for Passover by the O/U, but nonetheless, the O/U has identified these products as halachically acceptable for infants and those who are ill. These products must bear an O/U or O/Ud symbol: Bright Beginnings, Comforts for Baby, Cottontails, CVS Pharmacy, Enfamil Enfalyte Oral, Electrolyte Solution, Goodness, H-E-B Baby, Home 360 Baby, Meijer, Mom to Mom, Naturalyte, Parent's Choice, Pedialyte (all flavors), Top Care, Walgreen's, Western Family.

**Eye Drops** - All

**Eye Shadow / Eye Liner** - All brands without grain ingredients

**Fabric Protectors** - All

**Fabric Softener** - All

**Face powder** – All

**Finger Paint** – Most brands including Elmer's contain wheat or oats and should be sold and put away with the chometz.

**Fireplace Log** - All unscented brands

**Fish Raw Frozen O/U:**

The following brands of frozen raw unseasoned Salmon with a regular Kof-K certification, that comes from Chile (not the USA or China) with the plant codes 10810, 8163, 10064, 10067, 10-11-6, 12079 may be used on Pesach without special Pesach supervision: Wegmans, Mentas Members Mark, Walmart, Wellesley Farms, Kirkland.

The following brands of frozen raw unseasoned Whiting with regular Kof-K certification that comes from Chile (not the USA or China) with the plant code 8323, may be used on Pesach without special Pesach supervision... The Great Fish Co., Bowl & Basket, Nafco.

The Star-K feels that one preferably should buy all fish with a Kosher for Pesach designation. However, if necessary, they allow purchasing without Pesach designation, and it should then be washed before Pesach (not over a Pesachdik sink).

**Fish (Raw, Frozen fish portions, NOT spiced, seasoned or smoked)** - All raw

fish (not coated or ground) is best purchased with a Kosher for Pesach Hechsher (due to possible Kitniyos glazing). However, in the absence of Certified for Pesach fish that is easily available, all fresh or frozen fish, except for ground, are acceptable after washing before Pesach. Some examples are: Blue Circle Salmon (O/U), Changing Seas Atlantic Salmon Fillet (O/U), Costco Tilapia (O/U), Gourmet Delight (O/U), Kirkland Signature Frozen Skinless Boneless Farmed Atlantic Salmon

Portions, Skinless Boneless Wild Sockeye Salmon Portions & Tilapia Loins (O/U), Kirkland Frozen Skin-ON Boneless Wild Sockeye Salmon Portions (O/U – requires rinsing with water), Levittown (Star-K), Member's Mark (O/U), Open Nature Atlantic Sockeye Salmon Fillets (O/U), Regal Tilapia (O/U) Note: raw fish always requires good kosher certification or at least to still have some scales attached to it.

**Flax Seed** - Approved for Pesach use when purchased in whole grain form with no additives. (Check seeds thoroughly before Pesach for any possible mixed-in grains).

**Fruit (Dried)** - Baraka (Star-K), Delizia (Star-K), Family Tree (Star-K), Galil (Star-K), Gourmanoff (Star\_K), Happy Apricots (Star-K), Mani's (Star-K), Murka (Star-K), Natural Food Source (Star-K), Sed Oasis (Star-K), Smart Harvest (Star-K), Smart Choice (Star-K), Soleil (Star-K), Sunny Fruit (Star-K), Sunrose (Star-K), Sunsational Fruit (Star-K)

**Fruit (Frozen)** - All without additives i.e., citric acid, syrup, vitamin C or ascorbic acid. This applies to fruits that do not have bug issues (such as melon balls, sliced peaches, cranberries etc.). Those fruits that have bug issues (like strawberries) may be used only when bearing approved Kosher supervision. No additional Pesach symbol is required.

**Fruit, Fresh Pre-Cut** -Foodhold (Star-K), Lancaster Foods (Star-K), Nature's Promise (Star-K)

**Furniture Polish** - All

**Garbage Bags** - All

**Garlic (fresh, peeled)** – 365 (Star-K), First Street (Star-K), Little Salad Bar

(Star-K), Spice World (Star-K), West Creek (Star-K)

**Gasoline** - All (even Ethanol with corn)

**Glass Cleaner** - All

**Gloves** – All without inner powder coating may be used. If the label is not marked, turn glove inside out and rub on dark clothing. Then check for signs of powder. If it contains powder, do NOT use near food. Hospital disposable gloves may contain

oatmeal as stated on the label and, if so, should be sold and put away with chometz.

**Glue** - Elmer's White Glue (not paste), Krazy glue, Ross Glue

**Goose (Raw)** – Pelleh (O/U)

**Grains** - Flax and hemp (whole grains only) may be used on Pesach. They should be purchased from manufacturers that do not process Chometz grains also. These grains should also be carefully checked before Pesach for any residue.

**Hand Sanitizer** – Any that do not list “alcohol” or “ethanol” may be used for Pesach. If the only alcohol listed is isopropyl alcohol, it may be used.

**Hair Gels, Mousse** - All

**Hair Removers/Treatments** - All

**Hairspray** – All (i.e., Herbal Essence, Pantene Pro-V

**Hand Sanitizers** – All (It should be purchased before Pesach - according to Star-K)

**Hand Wash** - Seventh Generation Coconut Hand Wash (O/U)

**Headache/fever** - Advil (not film coated) Bayer aspirin, Motrin Caplets or Tablets, Tylenol tablets or Caplets.

**Hemp** - Check thoroughly for any possible mixed-in grains

**Household Cleanser** - All (i.e., Fantastic, Glass Plus, Lysol, Sunlight etc.)

**Hydrogen Peroxide** - All

**Ice** - Unflavored - All

**Infant formula** O/U certified (contains Kitniyos not Chometz - O/U has

Identified these brands as halachically acceptable for infants and those who are ill. These products must bear an O/U or O/Ud symbol) 365 Everyday Value, Ahold, Berkeley & Jensen, Bobbie, Bright Beginnings, CVS, Comfort, Cottontails, Daily Source Earth's Best, Enfacare (all liquids & powders), Enfagrow (all liquids & powders), Enfamil (all liquids & powders), Enfaport (all liquids & powders), Food Lion, Full Circle, Gerber Good Start, Giant, Giant Eagle Baby, Hannaford, H-E-B, Happy Baby, H-E-B, H-E-B, Heinz Nurture, Home 360 Baby, Isomil (all liquids & powders), Ketonex, Kirkland Signature, Laura Lynn, Lidl, Member's Mark, Mom To Mom, Mother's Choice, Nature's Place, Nestle Good Start, Next Step, Parent's Choice, Premium Value, President's Choice, Price Chopper, Prosobee (all liquids & powders), Publix, Puramino,,RCF, Shopko, Signature Care, Similac(all liquids & powders), Simply Right, Stop & Shop, Sunrise, Supervalu, Target, Top Care, Tippy Toes by Topcare, Topco, True Goodness, Tyrex, Up and Up, Vermont Organics, Walgreens, Wegmans, Well Beginnings, Wellsley Farms, Western Family

**Infant Supplements** – The following products are NOT certified Kosher for Passover by the O/U. Nonetheless, the O/U has identified these products as halachically acceptable for infants and those who are ill: Boost Glucose Control, Boost High Protein, Boost Nutritional Pudding, Boost Kid Essentials (1.0 and 1.5), Boost Kid

Essentials with Fibers, Di-Vi-Sol, Ensure (All Shakes, All Liquids, All Powders, All Flavors – excluding Bars) Poly-Y-Vi-Sol Drops, Tri-Vi-Sol Drops, Resource Just for Kids with Fiber, PediaSure (all shakes, liquids, powders, plus all flavors, excluding bars), Pro-Phree.

**Insect Sprays** – All. Note: rodent traps may contain chometz and should be put away with chometz.

**Isopropyl Alcohol** - All

**Jewelry Polish** - All

**Juices & Juice Concentrates**

**(Unsweetened)** - Citrus World Tangerine (O/U), Harvest Valley Orange (O/U), Nestle Vitality Orange (O/U), Realemon Lemon Juice (O/U), Realime Lime Juice (O/U), Rejuv Orange Juice Frozen Concentrate (unsweetened only) (O/U), Sunsational Orange (O/U), Thirster Orange Juice Frozen Concentrate (unsweetened only) (O/U) ,

**Juice (frozen)** - Any brand of 100% pure white grapefruit (not pink) or orange frozen juices, without sweeteners, additives, preservatives or enrichments (i.e. calcium) added may be used. All other frozen juice products require reliable KFP certification. For Example: Cascadian Farm Organic Orange Juice Frozen Concentrate (with O/U symbol only), Kroger 100% Juice Orange Frozen Concentrate with Pulp (with O/U symbol only)

**Lactaid Capsules** - May contain Chometz and may not be used on Pesach.

**Lactaid Milk** may be used on Pesach if purchased BEFORE Pesach due to Bittul (may contain small amounts of actual Chometz). This product is NOT Cholov Yisroel.

**Lactaid Drops** - (NOT Tablets) If needed, it must be added to milk or other dairy

products before Pesach. (note: Lactaid caplets may contain Chometz)

**Laundry Detergents** - All

**Lemon Juice** - Real-Lemon Juice (O/U)

**Lip Balm/Conditioner** - All

**Lime Juice** - Real Lime (O/U)

**Liquor/Liqueur** - Vinprom-Troyan (Star-K)

**Liver (broiled - Chicken)** - excluding ground. Birdsboro Kosher Farms

**Lotion** - All

**Mascara** - All (without grain ingredients)

**Meat** - O/U certified original factories pack unprocessed raw meat on equipment that is chometz-free throughout the year. In contrast, ground, cooked or broiled meat and poultry may be processed on equipment used for Chometz products. In addition, local butchers and supermarkets may butcher with equipment used for Chometz and may repack on counters used for Chometz. As such, the following guidelines should be followed: Raw meat sold in any venue, in ORIGINAL FACTORY SEALED PACKAGES, may be used for Pesach when bearing an O/U (even without an O/UP). Meat that is re-packed in a local supermarket or butcher should NOT be used for Pesach unless there is a special Pesach certification in place. For detailed information regarding any specific venue, please contact the local supervision. Ground cooked or broiled meat and poultry (including liver) may ONLY be assumed to be Kosher for Pesach when bearing an O/UP or any other reliable supervision. Exceptions to this rule

can be found in the listing in the O/U Pesach Guide: [www.ou/kosher.org](http://www.ou/kosher.org).

**Meats (raw, unprocessed)**

A.A. Rubashkin & Sons ( unprocessed, including ground (O/U), A.D. Rosenblatt Beef (including ground) (O/U), Aaron's Best (excluding ground meat) (O/U), Alley Beef, Veal, Lamb (excluding ground) (O/U), D. Gruenspecht (excluding ground) (O/U), Meal Mart Mart raw, (only including ground meat that is Beth Yosef) (O/U), Beth Yosef/Kurson Kosher (including ground (O/U), Birdsboro Kosher Farms Beef & Lamb ( including ground (O/U), D. Gruenspecht Beef, Veal & Lamb (O/U), Grow & Behold - Lamb, Rose Veal, Beef All Grow & Behold products under the Star-K are certified Chalak Beit Yosef when marked /Beit Yosef (Star K Glatt), Gruenspecht Beef & Lamb (O/U), Heartland Kosher Beef (O/U), Holy Wagyu (Star-K), Kol Foods Raw Meat, including ground (Star-K), Lamm's Raw Beef (including ground) (O/U), Leafy Creek Farms (Star-K), M&D Glatt (Star-K), M&D Glatt (Star-K), Marble and Grain (Star-K), Prairie Street Prime (Star-K), Prime Fleisch (Star-K), Regal Foods (ground beef Kosher L'Pesach) (Star-K), Romanian Beef, Veal and Lamb – (including ground) (O/U), Schreiber Raw Beef, Veal & Lamb (excluding ground) (O/U), Shor Habor Beef (excluding ground) (O/U), Solomon's Beef (excluding ground) (O/U), Teva Meats (including ground) (O/U), Yaakov's Premium Meats (including ground) (O/U). All of the above meats are recommended only in their original packaging.

**Medical Supplements/Kitniyos** (O/U - Only For Those who are Halachically Permitted) - Boost (Glucose control, Hight Protein, Nutritional Pudding, Plus), Diabeti Shield, Ensure (all shakes, all liquids, all powders, all flavors, excluding bars),

Glucerna – Product of U.S.A. only (all shakes, all powders, all flavors excluding bars), Thick-It, Vital Peptide

**Milk** - It is preferable to buy Kosher for Passover milk, otherwise any brand purchased BEFORE Pesach from a company that does not process chocolate milk on the same machinery may be used on Pesach as long as it doesn't contain monoglycerides or dextrose. Those companies from which we can buy milk in the Los Angeles area before Pesach are Alta Dena, Foremost, Jerseymaid, Kirkland, Knudson, Ralphs, Stater Brothers, Vons Pavilions. Note: Milk certified Kosher for all year is certified for Passover only when indicated.

**Milk Dry/Powdered**- Nonfat without additives before Pesach.

**Milk Substitutes - These are NOT certified Kosher for Pesach by the O/U, however the O/U has identified these products as Halachically acceptable for infants and those who are ill. These products must bear an O/U or O/UD symbol and must come in shelf stable, non-refrigerated containers: Blue Diamond Almond Breeze Original, Unsweetened, Westsoy West Life Plain Soy Milk, Califia Farms Go Coconuts Coconut Milk**

**Mineral Oil** - All

**Moisturizer** - All

**Mouthwash** – Colgate (all), Listerine (Cool Mint, Total Care Zero, UltraClean, Zero Alcohol), Scope, Tom's of Main, Amway (not the Amway Glister Anti Plaque Fluoride)

**Nail Polish/Remover** - All

**Napkins** - All

**Nuts** - All raw, whole, chopped, pieces and Nut Meal almonds, walnuts, pine nuts, without BHA, BHT or other additives, or preservatives are approved for Pesach use. However, if the label states that it is processed in a plant that processes Kitniyos or Chometz, then it requires a reliable Kosher- For -Pesach certification. Whole pecans and half pecans do NOT require Kosher for Pesach certification. However, pecan pieces and midget pecans must bear a Kosher for Pesach symbol due to processing. All blanched, dry roasted nuts and ground- nuts require reliable KFP certification. Peanuts are considered Kitniyos.

**Pecans – Raw, Whole & Halves Only, With No added ingredients or preservatives**

**Oil – Avocado** - Chosen Foods (O/U)

**Oil - PURE Virgin Avocado Oil & Spray** (without additives) are fine for Pesach use without a special Pesach Hashgacha.

Pompeian 100% Avocado Oil Nonstick Cooking Spray and Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil Spray (Star-K),

**Oil (Avocado)** - Chosen Foods (O/U), De La Rosa (Star-K), Wegman's

**Oil (Coconut)** – All Virgin Coconut Oil or Spray (without additives) without a Pesach hashgacha is fine for use on Pesach.

**Oil (Grape Seed)** - Pompeian (Star K)

**Oil (Olive – All Extra Virgin)** Note: Extra Mild and Extra Lite Olive Oil require a special Pesach symbol.

**Oil - Palm** - Unrefined Nutriva Red Palm (O/U)

**Oil Spray** - Glicks Vegetable Oil Spray (O/U), Pompeian (Star-K)

**Onions frozen chopped** - Any pure or fresh chopped refrigerated Ready Pac Brand

**Oven Cleaner** - All (i.e., Easy Off and Shaklee)

**Oven Cooking Bag** - Best Choice Slow Cooker Liners (O/U), Everyday Chef Slow Cooker Liners (O/U), Reynolds Microwave Bags

**Pain Medication** - Advil Tablets (coated - not film coated, approved when last inactive ingredient listed on panel is "white wax"), Advil Caplets – (Coated - not film coated, approved when last inactive ingredient listed is "white wax"), Aleve Caplets, Bayer Aspirin ( Low-Dose Chewables 81 mg. (cherry, orange), Bufferin, Excedrin (plain, migraine & sinus), Motrin - IB Coated Caplets, PM Coated Caplets, Infant Drops All Flavors, Children's Suspension All flavors, St. Joseph adult chewable, Tylenol (Regular Strength Tablets, Extra Strength Caplets & Children's Suspension (all flavors), Infants Oral Susp (all flavors).

**Paintball** - contains no Chometz.

**Paper Bakeware** (i.e. cupcake holders etc.) - Hanna K Signature (O/U), Lilac (O/U), Paperchef (Star-K), Reynolds (O/U)

**Paper Cups** - All styrofoam, plastic or cardboard. Georgia Pacific (O/U), Publix 8 oz. Paper Hot Cups (O/U), Solo 8 oz. Hot Cups (O/U), Solo 9 oz. Cold Drink Cup (O/U), Solo 16 oz. DSP Paper Cups (O/U), Solo 16 oz. SSPHot Cups (O/U),

**Paper Doilies** - Hanna K. Signature Elements (O/U - pareve)

**Paper (Freezer)** - Everyday Chef (O/U), H-E-B (O/U), Meijer (O/U), Reynolds (O/U)

**Paper - Pan Lining Paper** - Reynolds Wrap (O/U)

**Paper (Plate/Bowls)** – Betty Crocker (O/U), Chef's Pride (O/U), Dixie (O/U), Empress (O/U), Family Dollar (O/U), Giant (O/U), Glad (O/U), Hefty (O/U), Hy-Top (O/U), Kirkland (O/U), Kroger (O/U), Meijer (O/U), Ralph's (O/U), Reynold (O/U), Winn-Dixie (O/U)

The Star-K requires special Pesach certification for all Paper Plates/bowls.

**Paper (Parchment)** - Amber (Star-K), Big Y (O/U), Bunzyl (Star-K), Carefree (Star-K), Carnation (Star-K), Central Coated Products (Star-K), Chef Elite (Star-K), Chef Le Bon (Star-K), Chef's Pride (O/U), Companions (Star-K), Dixie (Star-K), Domestix (O/U), Economic Choice (Star-K), Essential Everyday (O/U) , Everyday Chef (O/U), First Mark (Star-K), Georgia Pacific (Star-K), Global Royal Products (Star-K), Gefen (O/U), Geula (O/U), Great Value (O/U), Harris Teeter (O/U), HEB (Star-K), Handy Wacks (Star-K), Homelife (O/U), Home Sense (O/U), Hy-Vee (O/U), Kirkland (Star-K), Loblaw (Star-K), Master Baker (Star-K), Meijer (O/U), Member's Mark (O/U), Norpak (Star-K), Our Family (O/U), Palisades Packaging (Star-K), Paperchef (Star-K), Prime Source (Star-K), Propak (Star-K), Publix (O/U), Reynolds (O/U), Roundy's (O/U), Saga Baking Paper (Star-K), Signature Select (O/U), Simply Done (O/U), Sunset (Star-K), Uline (Star-K), Union Paper Bak-O-Matic, Up & Up (O/U), Victoria Bay (Star-K), Wegmans (O/U), West Carrollton (Star-K) Note: Containing Quilon requires Hechsher year-round. Silicon-based is Kosher during the year.

**Paper (Towel)** - All (first 3 sheets and the last sheet on the roll may contain kithiyos glue and should not be used with hot foods. If using half sheets, this rule also applies to the first 4 and the last 2 sheets)

**Paper (Wax)** - Ahold (O/U), American Choice, Best Choice (O/U), Big Y (O/U),

Cut Rite (O/U), Domestix (O/U), Everyday Chef (O/U), Giant Eagle (O/U), Harris Teeter (O/U), HEB (O/U) Iga, Laura Lynn (O/U), Life Brand (O/U), Marcal Kitchen Charm, Market Wax Dry Wax Interfold Paper (O/U), Meijer (O/U), Member's Selection Non-Stick (O/U), Nice! (O/U), Our Family (O/U), Packaging Dynamics Interfold Paper (O/U), Remarkable, Reynolds (O/U), Reynolds Wax Paper Bags (O/U), Selection (O/U), Shoprite, Shurfine, Simply Done (O/U), Signature Select (O/U), Simply Done (O/U), Springfield (O/U), Stop & Shop, Tops (O/U), Our Family (O/U), Waxtex, Wegmans (O/U), Weis (O/U), Western Family (O/U), White Rose (O/U), Winco (O/U)

**Pediatric Supplements** - D-VI-Sol, Enfamil 5% Glucose Water, Poly-Vi-Sol Drops, Tri-Vi-Sol Drops, Pedialyte (all flavors), PediaSure Peptide, PediaSure Shakes

**Pepper** - Durkee, It's Delish, Morton's Black Pepper, Spice Island

**Personal Care Product** - The following Shaklee products: Avocado Cream Moisturizer, Deodorant Cream, Skin

**Pet Food** - see above.

**Plastic Containers** - All

**Plastic Plates** - All

**Prenatal Vitamins** - Maxi Health Small Prenatal Caps (only with Chametz free sticker)

**Powder Blush** - All

**Plastic Bag & Wrap** - All

**Polish** - All

**Poultry/Turkey/Duck** - Raw poultry does not need a special Pesach hechsher. Wash before using. Should be in original wrapper (not repackaged) A.A. Rubashkin & Sons

(including ground) (O/U), Aaron's Best (excluding ground) (O/U), Alle (O/U), Beth Yosef/Kurson Valley Kosher Chicken (O/U), Back In the Hay Duck (excluding ground) (O/U), Beth Yosef (excluding ground) (O/U), Birdsboro broiled livers (excluding ground) (O/U), David Elliot (O/U), Empire Chicken (excluding ground) (O/U), Isaac's Pride (including ground) (Star-K), KJ Poultry, Duck and Turkey (O/U), Kedas (including ground) (O/U), Kee-Tov (excluding ground) (O/U), KJ Poultry (including ground) (O/U), KJ Poultry Broiled Livers (excluding ground) (O/U), Koshers Best (including ground) (O/U), Kosher Valley (including ground) (O/U), Marvid (excluding ground) (O/U), Pelleh (including ground), Raw Chicken Gizzards & peeled Chicken Feet, Duck, Partridge, Quail, Squab, Goose, Turkey, Broiled Chicken Liver (O/U), Quality Kosher (Star-K), Romanian Chicken & Turkey (O/U), Shor Habor (excluding ground) (O/U), Tifereth Kosher Raw Poultry (O/U)

**Raisins** - All (check to make sure that "oil" doesn't appear in the ingredient panel) i.e. Bowl & Basket (O/U), Dole, Great Value (O/U), Southern Grove (O/U), Sun Valley Raisins (O/U), Trader Joe's (O/U), Wegmans (O/U), Weis (O/U)

**Rice** - For those Sephardim who use rice on Pesach as well as those who are infirm or infants, it is acceptable only without additives (this includes vitamins) i.e. Aftab, Emperor, Mahatma, Kusha, Nasim, Pari, Riviana, Royal, Shahrzad, Success

**Rice Milk** - (some rice milk may contain an enzyme that is derived from barley, therefore only the following brands have been **approved** by the O/U as original rice milk, with no chametz. THEY ARE KITNIYOS) Rice Dream Enriched (Unsweetened Original), Harris Teeter, RiceSense Enriched, Full Circle, Hy-Vee,

Meijer, Nature's Place, ShopRite, Market Basket Enriched, Price Chopper Enriched, Wild Harvest Enriched

**Poultry Broiled Livers** – excluding ground Birdsboro (O/U), Kiryas Joel (O/U), Pelleh (O/U)

**Rubber Gloves** - Any uncoated (i.e., Playtex, RubberMaid)

**Salt - (Coarse Kosher Salt)** - All

**Salt (Himalayan Pink Salt)** - Artisan Salt Co. (O/U), Badia (O/U), Kirkland Signature (O/U), Olde Thompson (O/U), Roland (O/U), SaltWorks (O/U), Wegmans (O/U)

**Salt (Peruvian Pink Salt)** - Artisan Salt Co. (O/U), Korean Bamboo (O/K), SaltWorks (O/U), Young-Jin Green Food Sea (Roasted, Refined, Premium & Alkali)

**Salt, Table - (Processed or Sea – All Non-Iodized Only) For example:**

Morton's plain, coarse, popcorn salt, special cooking salt, canning and pickling salt, extra fine flour salt, Red Cross (O/U), Sterling, Wegman's (O/U), Winn-Dixie (O/U)

NOTE: Sea Salt Is NOT Mevushal and can be an issue on Shabbos.

NOTE on Salt: Always check to make sure that there is no dextrose, iodine or polysorbate listed in the ingredients.

**Sandwich Bag** - Any paper or plastic  
**Sanitizer** – All

**Sausage** - Romanian Kosher Beef Sausage (O/U)

**Scouring Pad & Powders** - All

**Seltzer (Unflavored)** - All (should have no citrates listed in ingredients). All flavored Seltzers require KFP certification.

**Shampoo/Conditioners** – All

**Shaving Cream & Gel** - All

**Shaving Lotion** - All

**Shelf Paper** - All uncoated

**Shoe Polish** - All

**Silver Polish** - All Kosher Brands. Some Examples are Goddard's (O/U), Hagerty (O/U), Weiman (O/U), Wright's (O/U)

**Skin Care** - any without grain additives

**Soap (Hand)** – All

**Soap** - Oil Soap – Murphy's Oil Soap Original Liquid Formula

**Soda** - Sodastream (Carbon Dioxide Cylinders - O/U)

**Soy Milk** - (Kitniyos - but not Chometz – for those for whom it is necessary to consume soy milk (Infants & Ill). These items should be purchased before Pesach, so that any traces of Chometz involving equipment would be batul and utensils used for these items should be washed in a separate area) 365 Everyday Value, Best Choice Clearly Organic, Fit & Active (regular and organic), Fresh & Easy Soylsense, Giant, Green Way, Harris Teeter Naturals Organic, Harvest Farms, Hy-Vee, Market Basket Unsweetened, Meijer, Natural Directions Organic, Nature's Place, Nature's Promise Organic, O Organics, ShopRite Organic, Shoprite, Silk, Smart Menu Organic, Soy Dream, Stop & Shop, Western Family Aseptic, Winn-Dixie Organic.

**Sparkling Water** – All unflavored. Flavored requires a KFP symbol.

**Spices** - Whole, not ground are fine for Pesach use. (i.e., cinnamon sticks, whole peppers etc.)

**Sponge** - All without soap.

**Spray** - All Pure Virgin Avocado Spray may be used for Pesach without a special hashgacha for Pesach.

**Steel Wool** - any without soap

**Sterno** - All

**Straws** - All plastic

**Styrofoam Products** - All

**Sugar - (Brown)** Baker's Corner (O/U), C & H Gold Brown (Star-K), C & H Dark Brown (Star-K), Dixie Crystals (O/U), Food Club (O/U), HEB (O/U), Holly (O/U), Hy-Top (O/U), IGA (O/U), Imperial (O/U), Kroger (O/U), Parade (O/U), Savannah Gold (O/U), Shurfine (O/U), West Creek (O/U)

**NOTE: Sugar** – All pure cane or beet sugar with no dextrose added (excluding confectioner's and brown sugar, which need Pesach certification)

**Sugar (white granulated)** – 365 Whole Foods Market (O/U), Kirkland Signature (O/U), Nature's Promise (O/U), Simple Truth Organic (O/U), Trader Joe's (O/U), Wegman's Organic (O/U), Wellsley Farms (O/U), Wholesome (O/U)

**Sugar (Brown – Granulated Only)** - Bowl & Basket (O/U), Good & Gather (O/U)

**Sugar - (Raw, Turbinado)** C&H Hawaiian raw cane sugar

**Palm Sugar** - Sweet Tree Coconut Palm sugar

**Suntan Lotion & Medication - All Supplements** - Ensure Without Fiber (Note: it contains Kitniyos - check with your Rav when needed)

**Sushi Nori Sheets** - Sweet City (Star-K), Sushi Metsuyan (Star-K)

**Sweetener** - Syncal Saccharin

**Tablecloths (plastic/paper)** - All (non- powder)

**Talcum Powder** - All (100% talc)

**Tea (Instant)** - Nestea Regular, Unflavored 100% Pure Tea

**Teabags (Regular-Unflavored, Not Decaffeinated and Not Herbal)** - (unflavored, not decaf, Not Herbal) Some examples are: Ambiance

(O/U), America's Choice (Star-K), Better Value (O/U), Bromley Estates (O/U), Food Club (O/U), Gefen (O/U), Gilles (OU), Hy-Top (O/U), Hy Vee (O/U), IGA (O/U), Lidl (Star-K), Lipton (O/U), Market Basket (O/U), Neuman's Own Organics (O/U), Our Family (O/U), Parade (O/U), Pascal (O/U), Piggly Wiggly (O/U), Ralph's Black Tea (O/U), Restaurant's Pride (Star-K), Royal Club (Star-K), Shurfine (O/U), Signature Select (O/U), Stop & Shop (O/U), Stater Bros (O/U), Swee-Touch-Nee (O/U), Tetley (Star-K), The Republic of Tea (O/U), Ward (O/U)

**NOTE on Tea Bags:**

Some plain tea bags contain grape seed extract as listed in the ingredients and should not be used.

**Tissue (Bathroom & Facial)** - All

**Toothbrush** - All

**Tooth Pain** - Anbesol, Orajel

**Toothpaste** - Aim, Colgate, Close up, Pepsodent, Ultrabrite

**Toothpicks** - All unflavored

**Vegetable (Fresh)** - alfalfa sprouts, artichoke, asparagus, avocado, beets, bell pepper, broccoli, cabbage (red or green), carrot, cauliflower, celeriac (celery root), celery, chicory, chives, collard, cucumber, dandelion greens, dill, eggplant, endive, escarole, garlic (there are varying customs regarding the use of garlic on Pesach), green onion, horseradish (raw), kohlrabi, leek, lettuce (all types), mint leaves, mushroom, okra, onion, potato, parsley, parsley root, pumpkin, radishes (all types), rhubarb, rutabaga, scallions, spinach, tomatillo, tomatoes, turnip, watercress, whole pepper, yams, and zucchini.

**Vegetables/Carrots Fresh/Raw & Peeled** - Albertson's Baby Peeled Carrots (O/U), Bugs Bunny's Baby Carrots (O/U), Bunny Luv Fresh Cut &

Peeled Carrots (O/U), Grimmway Farms Crinkle Cut, fresh Chips, Lancaster Foods (O/U), President's Choice (O/U), Publix Baby Cut, Crinkle Cut, Coins, Dip Chips, Matchsticks, Sticks Carrots (O/U), Safeway Baby Peeled Carrots (O/U), Wegmans Baby Cut Carrots (O/U), Weis Baby Carrots (O/U)

**Vegetables/Other Fresh - Peeled** – 365 Organic Peeled Garlic without additives. Must say product of U.S.A or Mexico (Star-K), Little Salad Bar (Aldi's) Peeled Garlic with no additives. Must say product of U.S.A. or Mexico (Star-K), Spice World Peeled Garlic with no additives. Must say product of U.S.A. or Mexico (Star-K), West Creek (must say product of U.S. A.) (Star-K)

**Vegetables (frozen)** – Snow Fresh (Star-K)

**Vegetables (Canned/Jarred)** - California Delight (Star-KP), Unger's (Star-KP)

**Vegetable Salad Bags** - All fresh packaged salads certified by Star-K are Kosher for Passover only when bearing the Star-KP symbol.

**Vegetable Wash** - Sereli

**Vinegar (Balsamic, Red & White Wine)** - Acetum Balsamic Vinegar (Star-K), De La Rosa (Star-K), Roland Balsamic Vinegar (Star-K)

**Water (Unflavored)** - All (fresh, disposable bottle, spring or distilled, without flavoring, citrate or zinc lactate) i.e. Dasani (O/U), Glaceau Smart Water (O/U)

**Water Filters** – All

**Wax Paper** -

**.ITEMS TO BE CAUTIOUS OF FOR PASSOVER (5786/2026)**

**Airline Meals** - Chometz meals are sometimes served by mistake.

**Ant and Roach Traps** - Often use edible Chometz bait.

**Apple Juice** - Nutrients (sometimes processed on vinegar equipment), enzymes, clarifying agents.

**Applesauce** - Corn syrup, sugar, dextrose, flavoring

**Baby Cereals & Baby Food** - May contain wheat, sugar, and can be made on Chometz equipment.

**Baby Powder** - May contain Chometz.

**Bath Treatments** - Brands like Aura Cacia, Aveeno, Relief MD, and Wild Carrot Herbals all contain oatmeal, which is actual edible Chometz. They must be sold or disposed of before Pesach.

**Bird Food** - Many contain grain.

**Brewer's Yeast** - Chometz

**Brown Sugar** - Culture, yeast, corn starch, may contain wheat starch, machinery.

**Butter** - Salt, coloring, preservatives, nutrients, culture, lactic acid from corn

**Candied Fruit** - Dextrose, may contain powdered sugar, flour.

**Canned & Frozen Fruit, Vegetables with Syrup** - May be iodized with flour, dextrose (dietetic may contain grape juice), corn syrup

**Cat Food** - Wheat, cheese, or whey together with meat/chicken, oats and barley, Xanthan Gum, Brewer's Yeast (see listing under "Pet Foods")

**Cheese & Cottage Cheese** - Stabilizers, corn sugar, coagulating agent, microbial rennet from real Chometz, dextrose, cultures

**Chewing Gum** - Corn syrup, flavoring

**Cigars (Flavored)** - Chometz alcohol

**Chocolate & Chocolate Milk** - Malt (real Chometz), glucose

**Chocolate Spread** - From Israel may contain Kitniyos. Note: even though some chocolate spreads with Kitniyos may state on the label K.F.P., it is acceptable only for Sephardim who eat Kitniyos

**Cider Vinegar** - May contain yeast that is real Chometz.

**Coffee** - General Foods International currently is processed on Chometz machinery.

**Coffee Substitutes/Alternatives** - (i.e., Pero, Postum and others) contain grain.

**Coffee (Decaffeinated)** - May have been processed with ethyl acetate (derived of grain alcohol), coffee flavoring may contain Chometz alcohol, as well as non- Kosher flavoring.

**Condensed Milk** - Sugar, preservatives, and oil to reconstitute.

**Confectioner's Sugar** - Cornstarch (for instance, three percent in C&H) may contain wheat starch.

**Creamer (Non-dairy)** - Whey, emulsifiers which are dairy and Kitniyos, some contain corn syrup.

**Dairy Foods** - Enzymes, stabilizers, flavors & vitamins

**Dextrose** - Corn derivative

**Dishwashing Detergent** - Cetyl alcohol (not Kosher), grain alcohol.

**Dog Food** - Barley, oats, wheat, Brewer's Yeast, Xanthan Gum, cheese or whey and meat together (see listing under "Pet Foods")

**Dried Fruits and Raisins** - Dried in Chometz ovens, may contain Kitniyos oil, flour.

**Electronic cigarettes** - due to the flavoring it may be non-kosher and Chometz.

**Emulsifiers** - Can contain glucose.

**Finger Paints** - Some brands, including Elmer's, contain wheat or oats and should be sold and put away with the Chometz.

**Fish Food** - Wheat (see listing)

**Fish Frozen** (wild salmon) - may have been frozen in diluted corn syrup brine.

**Flour** - Has been bleached and washed, therefore Chometz.

**Frozen Fruit Drink** - Usually contains corn syrup, flavoring.

**Gelatin (Beef)** - From all over the world, including Israel, not acceptable unless it has reliable certification, as it usually is processed from non- Kosher slaughtered animals.

**Glucose** - Corn or wheat derivative

**Honey** - Corn syrup, coloring (even if not listed). Extra caution needed if it is from Turkey or China

**Horseradish** - Vinegar, sweeteners, hydrolyzed vegetable protein, wheat gluten

**Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein (HVP)** - Often is Chometz

**Ice Cream** - Sugar, flavorings, stabilizers.

**Ingredients** - Ascorbic Acid, Caramel, Citric Acid (often derived from glucose), Glucose (can be derived from wheat fermentation), HVP (hydrolyzed vegetable protein), Vitamin C

**Israeli Products** - Teruma, Maaser, Shemita: must have reliable certification.

**Ketchup** - Stabilizers, oil, dextrose, vinegar (real chometz), flavorings

**Kitniyos** - Includes: beans, rice, citric acid, corn, dextrose, some types of flavoring, hydrolyzed vegetable protein, soy, peanuts, sesame seeds, sorbitol, starch.

**Lactaid** - Tablets may contain Chometz. Lactaid Milk may be used if purchased before Pesach (non Cholov Yisroel)

**Lecithin** - Kitniyos

**Lemon Juice** - Chometz equipment

**Liquor** - May have grain alcohol base, wine, or grain alcohol, or wine alcohol.

**MSG** - Wheat

**Maple Syrup** - Defoaming agents

**Margarine** - Emulsifiers, artificial flavor, salt, sugar, oil

**Maraschino Cherries** - Glucose, dextrose (cut cherries usually are colored red with carmine, an insect derivative)

**Mayonnaise** - MSG from hydrolyzed protein, oil, flavorings, sweeteners, vinegar

**Milk** - Must be bought before Pesach and processed by a dairy that does not make chocolate milk (see section on milk)

**Modeling Clay** - Many brands including Crayola, contain wheat and should be sold and put away with the Chometz or used up before Pesach.

**Modified Food Starch** - The source for this is corn, potato, tapioca, rice, or wheat. This can often be Kitniyos or actual Chometz. Must have special Pesach certification.

**Mustard** - Kitniyos. Some may even contain actual Chometz. (Not to be confused with Kosher for Passover imitation mustard)

**Nuts** - BHA, BHT, sprayed with Kitniyos (corn oil)

**Oil** - Kitniyos

**Orthodontic Rubber Bands** - Should be rinsed with cold water before Pesach.

**Paper Plates** (inexpensive) - Coated with starch.

**Peanuts** - Considered Kitniyos by most traditions.

**Pecan Pieces or Midget** - Chometz processing

**Peeled Vegetables** - i.e., Carrots, potatoes (may be washed and preserved with citric acid or dextrose antioxidant)

**Pet Food** - Wheat, Brewer's Yeast, Barley, milk, cheese, or whey mixed with meat (which is not acceptable year-round), (see listing)

**Pickles** - Vinegar (Chometz), flavorings

**Play Dough** - Edible flour (must be discarded before Pesach)

**Powdered Cocoa (Sweetened)** - Powdered milk, corn sweetener

**Products from Rabbanut of Israel** - May contain Kitniyos.

**Quinoa** - Requires verification that it is not mixed with Chometz. (Star-KP and O/UP are available)

**Rice** - Ashkenazim do not use rice on Pesach because it is considered Kitniyos. Sepharadim (who eat rice on Pesach) must use additive - free rice. (See article)

**Roach Poison** - Combat brand (edible Chometz bait)

**Rubber Gloves (Powdered)** - Chometz powder

**Salads (Prepared in Bags)** - May contain citric acid.

**Salt** - Table salt often contains dextrose and polysorbate, especially when iodized.

**Shmita** - produce and Heter Mechirah are problematic. This issue is found mostly in wines from Israel produced during the Shmita year..

**Snacks** - Bomba Snacks from Osem (Israel) is made with corn and peanuts. This product is considered to be Kitniyos even though some of the packages mistakenly bear an O/UP.

**Soda** - Flavorings, dextrose, corn sugar

**Soup cubes** - Telma and others regularly contain Chometz Yeast.

**Soy Oil, Corn Oil** - Corn syrup, soy lecithin all are Kitniyos.

**Spices** (Processed or Flavored) - Dextrose, flavoring, machinery

**Splenda** - Contains Kitniyos

**Sugar** - Many sugars are produced from corn and are Kitniyos.

**Sunflower Seeds** - Kitniyos

**Tea (Instant)** - May contain Kitniyos sweetener.

**Tea Bags** - All decaffeinated tea bags without Pesach certification are considered not proper for use on Pesach.

**Tea (Herbal)** - Chometz or non-Kosher flavoring

**Tofu** - Often processed using grain Alcohol (Chometz).

**Traps (Insect & rodent)** - Baits may contain actual Chometz and should be put away with the Chometz. All insecticide sprays may be used on Pesach.

**Tomato Products** - Vinegar (Chometz), nutrients, salt, sugar, Chometz machinery.

**Tonic Water** - Corn syrup

**Tuna** - Hydrolyzed protein, oil

**Vanilla Extract** - Corn syrup, alcohol

**Vaping** - According to Rav Sternbach and most Poskim, Vaping is considered in the category of food (eating) and therefore, because of non-Kosher flavoring, vaping all year round is problematic from a Kashrus standpoint, and also may contain elements which may also be Chometz - an added issur on Pesach. That is why he feels that this product needs proper Hashgacha all year round as well as for Pesach. Note: Vaping has been deemed to be dangerous to one's health.

**Vegetable wash** - Kitniyos/Chometz

**Vegetables (Frozen)** - Can be processed on Chometz machinery -

can be processed on Chometz machinery or use not Pesach approved anti-foaming agents.

**Vegetables from Israel** (often Peppers) - Terumah, Maaser, Shemita

**Vinegar** - In U.S., usually from Kitniyos. From other countries often from Chometz

**Vitamins** - Yeast, starch, corn dextrose, wheat (note: Freeda vitamins are Chometz-free)

**Yeast** - usually Kitniyos.

**Wine** - Corn sugar, Chometz alcohol. Note: not all Kosher wines are Kosher for Pesach, also many are not Mevushal (cooked) (Check the label). Shemithah.

**Yogurt** - Milk powder, enzymes, flavoring, sugar

**TIMES TO REMEMBER FOR PESACH 5786/2026** (in the Los Angeles area)

Bedikas Chometz (3/31) - (In the Evening)  
Fast of Firstborn (4/1) - (firstborn attend a siyum to avoid fasting)

Last Time to Eat Chometz (4/1) - 10:27 a.m. (M.A.) 10:52 a.m. (GRA)

Biur Chometz (4/01) - 11:42 a.m. (M.A.) 11:54 (GRA)

Chatzos (4/1) 12:57 p.m

Candle Lighting 1st night (4/1) - 6:56 p.m.

Candle Lighting 2nd night (4/02) - After 8:05 p.m. (50 min) After 8:27 p.m. (72 min.)

Candle Lighting Shabbos (4/03) 6:58 p.m.

Motzei Shabbos - (4/04) After 8:06 p.m. (50 min.) After 8:28 p.m.(72)

Candle Lighting 7th Day Y.T (4/07) 7:01 p.m.

Candle Lighting last Day Y.T (4/08) After 8:10 p.m.(50 min.) After 8:32 p.m.(72 min.)

Motzei Yom Tov (4/09) - 8:10 p.m. (50 min.) 8:32 p.m. (72 min.)

**Bedikas Chometz** (3/31) - (In the Evening)

**Fast of Firstborn** (4/1) - (firstborn attend a siyum to avoid fasting)

**Last Time to Eat Chometz** (4/1) – 10:27 a.m. (M.A.) 10:54 a.m. (GRA)

**Biur Chometz** (4/01) - 11:44 a.m. (M.A.) 11:57 (GRA)

**Chatzos** (4/1) 1:00 p.m.

**Candle Lighting** 1<sup>st</sup> night (4/1) - 7:03 p.m.

**Candle Lighting** 2<sup>nd</sup> night (4/02) - After 8:12 p.m. (50 min) After 8:34 p.m. (72 min.)

**Candle Lighting Shabbos** (4/03) 7:05 p.m.

**Motzei Shabbos** - (4/04) After 8:14 p.m. (50 min.) After 8:36 p.m.(72)

**Candle Lighting 7th Day Y.T** (4/07) 7:09 p.m.

**Candle Lighting last Day Y.T** (4/08) After 8:18 p.m.(50 min.) After 8:40 p.m.(72 min.)

**Motzei Yom Tov** (4/09) - 8:19 p.m. (50 min.) 8:41 p.m. (72 min.)

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## UPDATES (5786-2026)

### OU - New Products

The OU continues to give certification to Passover Quinoa. Quinoa will be available with an OU-P from Goldbaum, Pereg, and La Bonne. They will also have OU-P chia seeds. Goldbaum, La Bonne and Pereg will also be selling quinoa flour.

Kedem has one not Mevushal grape juice. This is bottled in 1.5 liter glass bottles and clearly labeled Non-Mevushal. Kedem also has Fresh Pressed Grape Juice as an OU-P grape juice made without sulfites.

Kedem will have Sangria Grape Juice and Sangria Sparkling Grape Juice.



Manischewitz will have different types of chocolate covered OU-P plain matzah. Holiday will also have chocolate covered plain matzah. These items are all not Matzah Ashirah. In addition, Barton will have OU-P chocolate covered regular matzah crackers. The Barton item is not Matzah Ashirah. Holiday will also have chocolate covered egg matzah. This item is Matzah Ashirah and labeled as such.

Manischewitz is introducing a line of OU-P Mezonos cookies baked with matzah meal.

Kirkland and Shoprite OU-P Smoked Salmon will also be available. Old Williamsburg will have Smoked Salmon and Herring in Wine Sauce. They also will be making BBQ Smoked Salmon, Original Smoked Salmon and Maple Smoked Salmon. This year, Old Williamsburg will be making OU-P Meat Beef Jerky in different flavors

The OU position remains that OU supervised extra virgin olive oil can be

used without special supervision for Pesach.

The OU position remains that regular tea bags, which are not flavored or decaffeinated, are acceptable for Pesach without special supervision. Swee-Touch-Nee and Wissotsky will continue to have Passover herbal teas. Shoprite will have specially marked OU-P plain tea bags available. In addition, Swee-Touch-Nee will have OU-P decaffeinated tea bags for sale. **Some coffee companies add maltodextrin, which is either chametz or kitniyos, to instant coffee. As a result this coffee is not kosher for Passover. Only coffee bearing an OU-P symbol or brands listed in the gray area of the Passover Directory should be used. Both Folger's and Nescafe Taster's Choice instant coffee remain acceptable without special Passover certification. This year we have clarified  that Folger's Decaffeinated instant coffee is NOT acceptable for Passove **

**From the Star-k: FLOWER FOOD** Do not use if label indicates that it is made in Holland or Netherlands, as it may be derived from chometz

**Dried fruits** recommended without "P": Akdaglar Apricot Whole Dried Apricots Apriturk Dried Apricots, Whole Dried Apricots, Whole, Organic) Dried Natural Apricots, Whole Baraka Dried Apricots, Whole (Bozkale Dried Apricots, Whole Delizia Dried Apricots, Whole Empire Dried Apricots, Whole Ferit Erenler Dried Apricots, Whole Dried Apricots, Whole, Organic Dried Natural Apricots, Whole) Fruitolia Dried Apricots, Whole Galil Dried Apricots, Whole) Dried Figs, Whole Happy Apricots Apricots, Whole Whole Apricots

Organic Whole Apricots Sulphured  
Whole Apricots Unsulphured  
Heavenly Harvest Dried Apricots,  
Whole Dried Apricots, Whole, Organic  
(Dried Natural Apricots, Whole King  
Dried Whole Apricots Dried Whole  
Figs Natural Food Source Apricots,  
Whole Özkale Dried Apricots, Whole  
Royal Dates (Khudri/Sari/Fard/  
Khanezi/Khalas/Zahidi/Naghal/  
Majdou) Palm Dates

(Ajwa/Sagai/Safawi/  
Khudri/Mabroom/Sukar Sed Oasis  
Dates Smart Harvest Apricots, Whole  
Figs, Whole Soleil Dates Sunny Fruit  
Dried Apricots, Whole, Unflavored  
Figs, Whole Sunport Dried Apricots,  
Whole Sensational Fruits Dried  
Apricots, Whole, Unflavored Dried  
Figs, Whole Sunshine Snacks Dried  
Apricots, Whole Figs, Whole Diamond  
Whole Apricots Sulphured)

**FLAX SEED** is approved for Pesach  
when purchased in whole grain form  
with no additives. Purchase from  
manufacturers that do not process  
chometz grains. Consumers are  
required to carefully check grains  
**BEFORE PESACH** for extraneous  
matter

### **O/U PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN KITNIYOS AND REQUIRE AN O/UP KITNIYOS SYMBOL**

*(Note: Many of the Below  
Products are only produced for  
certain countries)*

*For Use By Those Who Are  
Permitted to Eat Kitniyos On  
Pesach (i.e. Some Sephardim  
and people who are Ill, Infants)*

**Ferrero** - Kinder **Chocolate**, Nutella  
Spread

**Holy Hummus** (Classic Traditional  
Hummus, Homestyle Hummus,  
Jerusalem Classic Hummus)

**Holy Tahinis** – Tahini Dip

**Neptune** – (Seasoning Mixes: BBQ,  
Choulent, Cooked Fish, Curry,  
Grilled Chicken, Grilled Fish,  
Jerusalem, Pullet, Shashouka,  
Shawarma, Steak, Baharat,  
Cardamom, Cardamom Ground,  
Coriander, Cumin Ground, Cumin  
Whole, Fennel Ground, Hawaii, for  
Coffee, Hawaii, Z'aatar Sesame)

**Osem:** Gluten Free: Pretzels thins  
Sesame, Pretzels Thins Sea Salt

**Peanut Corn Snacks:** Bamba Regular,  
Bamba with Nugat Filling, Halva Filled,  
Strawberry Flavor, Popco **Sonny &**

**Joe's:** Chunky Hummus,  
Homestyle Hummus, Just Hummus,  
Original Hummus, Tahini Dip

**Super Snacks:** Falafel Bit Snacks

**Ta'am Vareach Spices:** Cardamom,  
Ground Fennel

**Telma:** Corn Flakes

### **STAR-DP NON-CHOLOV YISROEL PRODUCTS**

**Milk** (in areas where Kosher for  
Pesach milk is not available, milk  
should be purchased before  
Pesach)

**Best Yet, Country Delight, Dairy  
Pure, Derle-Hygrade, Foodtown,  
Garelick Farms Good & Gather, Great  
Value, Jewel, Kemps, Lehigh Valley  
Dairies, Lucerne, McCaffrey's Food  
Markets, Price Chopper, Swiss  
Premium, Tops, Tuscan Dairy Farms,  
Value Corner, Wellsley Farms** ( with  
KFP, SDP or Star DP inkjet in the date  
code) 1%, 2% fat-free and whole

**Kreider Farms** (StarD symbol with  
KFP on cap and Pesach in Hebrew in  
date code) Buttermilk, Chocolate  
Milk, Half & Half Cream, Heavy Cream,  
Lactose Free Milk, Fat-free Milk, low  
fat milk, reduced fat milk, whole milk.

**O/K PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN KITNIYOS AND REQUIRE AN O/KP FOR USE ON**

**PESACH**

*FOR THOSE SEPHARDIM WHO EAT KITNIYOS*

**Atzlan Mazor** - Mixed Black Dried Olives with Pepper, Mixed Green Olives

**Foodstuff** - corn

**Galil** - Green Fava Beans and Double Peeled Green Fava Beans, Peas, Green Beans

**Goldensea Foodstuff Baker Soy Flour, Toasted Soy Flour**

**Guild Enterprises** - Frozen Whole and Peeled Soybeans

**Hebei 1** Vegetables

**IQF Soybean (O/KP)**

**Karnis** - Hummus and Tahina

**Qinhuangdao Goldensea Baker Soy Flour, Toasted Soy Flour**

**Shahia** – Broad Beans, Green Peas

**Shams** - Double Peeled Green Fava Beans **Shufersal**

Frozen Whole and Peeled Soybeans **Silva** – Frozen

Vegetables

**Sofarine S** Toasted Soy Flakes

**O/U PRODUCTS THAT ARE CERTIFIED AS MATZOH ASHIRA (bearing O/U Matzoh Ashira on the package):**

**Aviv:** Honey Matzos, Mini Egg Matzos

**Hagada:** Egg Matzoh

**Holiday:** Chocolate Egg Matzoh (dark and milk)

**Horowitz Margareten:** Egg Matzoh

**Jerusalem Matzos:** Egg Matzoh

**King Star Foods:** Egg Matzoh

**Manischewitz:** Egg Matzo Tams (everything, garlic, onion, original), Egg Matzo Crackers, Yolk Free Egg Matzo

**Matzot Carmel:** Egg and Honey

Matzoh

**Mosmarks:** Egg Matzoh

**Osem:** Egg Matzoh

**Rishon:** Egg Matzoh

**Shibolim:** Egg Matzoh Squares Whole Wheat and Mini Whole Wheat

**Traditional Matzos:** Egg Matzos

**Yanovsky** Sweet Matzo Crackers and Sweet Matzo

**Yehuda:** Egg Matzos

Yehuda Matzos Egg Matzos

**MEAT - ALL CHALAK BEIT YOSEF L'SEPHARDIM**

Bierig Brothers Raw Boxed Veal and Lamb (certified Kosher Chalak Beit Yosef L'Sephardim, Traibored and Kasherred.

All products are Kosher year-round for both Sephardim and Ashkenazim, certified Kosher only when packaged with double seals bearing the Star-S symbol – Star-S, no “P” required), Glatt Ranch Boxed Raw Beef (certified Chalak Beit Yosef L'Sephardim, Traibored and Kasherred, certified Kosher only when packaged with the inner and outer label or seal bearing the Star-S symbol Star-S, No “P” required), M&D Glatt Boxed Beef, Ground Beef, Boxed Lamb, Boxed Veal (when bearing STAR-S Beit Yosef, no “P” required)

**SALMON** – Bishul Beit Yosef (Mashgiach Temidi),

California Delight\* Salmon Boneless Skinless (STAR-S P Required)

**TUNA-** Bishul Beit Yosef ( Mashgiach Temidi),

California Delight\* Chunk "TONGOL"  
Tuna in Water, Chunk Light Tuna in  
Water, Chunk White Albacore Tuna in  
Water, Chunk Yellowfin Tuna in  
Water, Solid White Albacore Tuna in  
Water, Skipjack Chunk Tuna in Water  
(STAR-S P Required)

### **STAR-S KITNIYOT PRODUCTS 2026 FOR SEPHARDIM ONLY:**

**RICE** – (Although the rice products in  
the following list have been thoroughly  
cleaned in the factory by advanced  
machinery, which removes any  
foreign material, leading poskim of the  
Sephardic community have ruled that  
the established custom of checking  
rice prior to Pesach three times, grain  
by grain, should still be followed.  
When checking brown rice, be sure to  
also check for insects, as there have  
been infestation issues in many  
brands.).

The following brands of Basmati,  
Jasmine, and Raw rice, when bearing  
a STAR-K symbol, are certified  
STAR-S P Kitniyot. (No STAR-S P  
symbol is required on the label.)  
Kitchen King, Pari, Regal Harvest,  
Roland, Sarveshwar, Vallavh Ratna,  
Yadu Chaina

### **VEGETABLES, CANNED/ JARRED**

California Delight\* Baby Corn – Whole  
Spears, Cut Baby Corn, Whole Kernel  
Corn (STAR-S P Kitniyot required),  
Unger's Cut Baby and Whole Kernel  
Corn (Star SP Kitniyot required)  
should be either discarded or sold  
with the Chometz before Pesach

### **STAR-S (SEPHARDIC DIVISION OF THE STAR-K)**

**NON-KITNIYOT PRODUCTS 2026  
KOSHER L'PESACH FOR BOTH  
SEPHARDIM AND ASHKENAZIM**

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

#### **BRANDY-**

Brandy X.O Avraham (Star-S Passover)  
De La Rosa Real Foods (Eminence Late  
Harvest Sweet Furmint Icewine) (Star-S  
Passover)

#### **DRY RED WINE –**

Binah Merlot, Lev St. Laurent, Oneg Pinot  
Noir, Shiraz 248, Yakeer Cabernet  
Sauvignon

#### **DRY WHITE WINE –**

Chai 18 – Riesling Italico, Revere 13 –  
Dry Yellow Muscat Rare, Sasson  
Sauvignon – Sauvignon Blanc, Simcha  
Chardonnay, Taryag Gruner Veltliner,

#### **GRAPPA –**

Grappa 511, Meiron 36

**LATE HARVEST** – Ashray Chardonnay  
Sweet Late Harvest Chardonnay, Shaarei  
Orrah Sweet Late Harvest Blaufrankisch

#### **NOBLE SWEET & ICED WINES –**

Donash 702 (Troocken Beeren Auslese),  
Kinnerett (Beeren Auslese Scheurebe,  
Prince Valenti (Noble Ice Wine Welsch  
Riesling, Vilnius Ice Wine (Scheurebe)

#### **SPARKLING WHITE WINE –**

Ur Kasim (Muscat Ottonel), Yayin Regal  
(Welsch Riesling)

#### **SWEET RED WINE -**

Yarum Malka Kiddush Wine (Chateau  
David)

#### **GRAPE JUICE –**

De La Rosa Real Foods (organic Grape &  
White Grape Juice), Nitzat Haduvdevan  
(Organic Red & White Grape Juice),

#### **• Whiskey Alert**

• (Concerning Chometz She'Ovar Alav  
HaPesach)

#### **Alcoholic Beverages**

### **AKO: ASSOCIATION OF KASHRUS ORGANIZATIONS**

• We recommend that Kashrus Agencies  
and consumers only consume those  
alcoholic beverages which [are free of

standard Kosher concerns and are known to:

- (a) Be produced by a non-Jewish company or a Jewish-owned company which arranged for the sale of their Chometz
- (b) Not contain any Chometz, including not having Chometz secondary grains or malted barley (bourbon and cordials are examples of items that may have these forbidden items), and/or
- (c) Were not aged over Pesach (e.g, vodka).
- For a Current List of Possibly Problematic Liquors Due to Chometz She'Avar Alav HaPesach according to extensive research of the cRc please check [www.crcweb.org](http://www.crcweb.org)

- **ALERTS:** Trader Joe's Almond Flour Products manufactured on or after February 19, 2026, are not certified kosher for Passover this year due to an unexpected production change implemented by the manufacturer
- Not all **Elite** products bear recommended Hashgachos. Check the label for proper Hashgacha.
- **Caution** should be used when buying Matzos to be sure that they are not Chometz or in the category of "Matzah Ashira". Some examples of Matza Ashira are: Manischewitz White Grape Matzo, Grape Bit Crackers, Egg Matzo, Egg Matzo Crackers, Egg Matzo Snack Bits, Chocolate Covered Egg Matzo and Chocolate Matzos (note: chocolate covered Matzos made for Pesach are fine) and Tam Tam crackers. These items are only permissible for the

elderly, ill, or young children who are not able to properly digest regular Matzah. The Chometz designation should be clearly marked on the box.

- **Yarden Fava beans** are certified for Pesach by Badatz Beit Yosef ONLY for people who eat Kitniyot.
- **Tums** is no longer approved for Pesach. Kosher for Pesach antacids are available on line at [koshervitamins.com](http://koshervitamins.com) or at some local pharmacies.
- **1800 Tequila** products bear an unauthorized P symbol on some bottles.
- **Verde Valle White Rice** is authorized for use on Pesach for those who eat Kitniyos, certified by OneKosher Internacional in Mexico.
- **Lipton Decaf Tea** is NOT approved for Pesach this year.
- **Oat Milk** is commonly available and should NOT be confused with Soy Milk, as Oat Milk is Chometz. See "Soy List" (Kitniyos) for Soy Milk that is not contaminated from Oat Milk machinery.
- Be careful to **check packages** of Kosher-for- Pesach items for the Pesach certification. Some non kosher for Pesach merchandise can be mixed in with the same brand that is KFP. non-Pesach Kosher products have similar packaging to those products that are Kosher for Pesach and can be easily confused. This is a common issue in many supermarkets
- Some brands of **Finger Paints**, including Elmer's, contain wheat or oats and should be either used before Pesach or sold and put away with the Chometz.

- **Crayola Dough, Glitter Dots and Easy Peel Crayon Pencils** contain wheat and should be sold with the Chometz. All other Crayola products, including Silly Putty, are Chometz-free.
- **Pure Honey” from China** has been found to be adulterated with corn and rice syrup. One brand was found to not even contain honey **Zoo - Alert:** Be careful when visiting a zoo during Pesach not to purchase animal food from the zoo, as most of them contain Chometz.
- **All ground processed spices** need Hashgacha for Pesach (even pure ground spices).
- Many types of **cheese** bearing reliable certification have a similar variety certified for Pesach and non-certified for Pesach.
- Last year, over 150 fake Pesach certificates were found in Israeli restaurants and establishments. **Check carefully for authenticity of Hashgacha.**
- **Coffee Alternatives** (i.e., varieties of Postum & Teeccino brands for example) often contain actual Chometez and may not be used on Pesach. **Espresso Club Coffee:** The O/U does NOT certify Espresso Club Decaffeinated Coffee pods as an O/UP - Passover product. This product bears an

unauthorized O/U kosher for Passover sticker

- Food for cut flowers from Holland or the Netherlands often contain Chometz.

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