



**GENERAL YOSHON NEWS**

**Chodesh Tov, The Season is Here!**

Some items are still Yoshon, but products containing oats, and freshly-baked goods are getting scarce! Buy now and stock up! Reports from various sources are trickling in. By next month there should be many updates. As we wrap up our first year of the Yoshon.com Newsletter, we look forward to presenting Newsletters and Alerts again throughout 5780. The next Newsletter will be scheduled to come out on Tzom Gedaliah, but we will continue to issue alerts whenever news comes in.



**Yoshon.com on WhatsApp!**

We are happy to report that theYoshon.com WhatsApp Chat/Group has been a rousing success! This “instant news” application has a secure, encrypted connection that helps keep spammers out, and doesn’t cause inboxes to fill up with unwanted emails. The individual chat is geared for one-on-one individual questions, and has privacy as an advantage. Others seem to like the group interaction with other yoshon-keepers, (part of what The Yoshon “Network” Inc. was created for), and they enjoy sharing tips and knowledge. It was designed mainly for posting news, but also serves as an educational tool for newcomers, and can inform more people who might be mutually interested in posted products.

To access the number for individual texting go to:

<https://wa.me/17325967466?text=IndividualChatwithYoshon.comOnWhatsApp>

To join the group chat:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FKlm3WStKeu5uJK1MLTk9h>



**Other News on Yoshon**

**August 30, 2019 –Addition of Pas Yisroel/Yoshon Lists Spawn a New Page on Yoshon.com!**

We are pleased to be able to add the Pas Yisroel/Yoshon lists for Star-K of Baltimore, OU Kosher, and the cRc of Chicago, as they join Yoshon.com’s growing list of localized alerts and lists. Since there are so many now, we just added an additional page called “[Yoshon Establishments](#)” as a new resource for people to look up local restaurants, caterers, and bakeries. If you do not see an establishment you are looking for on the list in a given area, please contact the local certifying agency for that area.

To view or download these Yoshon lists, the direct links are below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/YoshonRcEstablishments2019-2020.pdf>

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/oupasyisroel-yoshonlist-5779.pdf>

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Star-KYoshonEstablishments8-28-2019.pdf>



**July 9-August 18, 2019 – Bob’s Red Mill Yoshon-Certified Products List to Be Updated**

TYNI inquired as to the status of Bob’s Red Mill products for the upcoming season. As previously reported, we received what was dated as a current Letter of Certification from the OK-Kosher/Heart K and California K for Dairy. It had many (but *not all*) of their products from last year, and most of the date codes were the same. Although they are updated on Yoshon.com, Project Chodosh notified us that they were going to send them another, current Letter of Certification.

We are waiting to receive information on it. It is important to note that these particular Bob’s products still follow a set date code, just like other products. Those that do not have the specific code are NOT “certified-yoshon”! (Sources: Project Chodosh and OK-Kosher)

### August 12-23, 2019 - The Finale of the Trader Joe's Saga

There were some major contradictions coming from the OU, and opposite reports going back and forth on the projected Yoshon status of the Trader Joe's Chocolate and Mango Brooklyn Babkas, and Half-Moon Cookies for well over a week. We then got word from Project Chodosh that, "Anything still on the shelves is Yoshon. They will not be Yoshon for most of the season." Finally, the OU contacted both TYNI and Project Chodosh to request that we issue this statement:

"For any questions on the status of the three Trader Joe's products, please contact the OU directly at their *Kashrus* Hotline at 212-613-8241."

(Sources: OU and Project Chodosh)



**Note from TYNI:** Perhaps if enough people request it from Trader Joe's, they will reconsider and make them yoshon next year due to popular demand. As one of the people on our WhatsApp Group reported, the Trader Joe's Soft-Baked Peanut Butter Cookies are Yoshon and Pas Yisroel.



**August 22, 2019 - Trader Joe's Soft-Baked Peanut Butter Cookies are Yoshon and Pas Yisroel.** TYNI indeed confirmed this fact. (Source: OK Kosher)



### One Last Mention on the Yoshon.com Newsletter and Alerts List Promotional Giveaway

Get the word out to anyone who may be interested in this free news service! Let Yoshon.com help you be prepared for the *Chodosh* Season. The Newsletter and Alerts are archived on the Yoshon.com site. We offer any new information in each issue as time goes by, such as the latest Yoshon Alerts, Yoshon Updates with links to directly download any bulletins and the *Guide to Chodosh*, News on Yoshon or Potentially Yoshon Product Recalls with FDA links and Bug Infestation Notifications. At the end of each Newsletter, we include offers, links, or actual printable discount coupons that may be of interest to the Yoshon Consumer.

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### The New Yoshon.com App

Data continues to be collected as we still hope for a release BE"H, sometime this season. If you would like to help participate in our development of the app by "donating" UPC information, it would be of great help to us. We either need a picture of the entire UPC of the item or the whole number typed out (include all of the numbers), the product name, manufacturer, grain ingredients, and any other info if we do not list the product on our site. The UPC gathering has been a very slow process. All efforts are greatly appreciated to help fill in the missing data, as we are a volunteer-only non-profit. UPCs can be sent to [info@yoshonnetwork.org](mailto:info@yoshonnetwork.org), or via the WhatsApp chat.

## RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

### Latest Updates from Project Chodosh

#### August 20, 2019 – General Dates for Most Items from Project Chodosh

##### Chodosh Update LZ" N R' Yoseph Herman

- 1) Freshly baked items using spring wheat, including breads, challahs, bagels, rolls, pizza and some cakes and cookies may be Chodosh in the Midwest after the PURCHASE DATE of August 15. Elsewhere in the US, this date would be Aug 23.
- 2) Packaged foods from spring wheat may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of August 15, or the PURCHASE date of Aug 23.
- 3) Noodles and pasta the harvest has just begun. Anything available now is still Yoshon

4) Barley, such as pearled barley, may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of August 13 and PURCHASE date of Aug 22.

5) Oats: Oats in all products, including cereals, may be Chodosh starting with a PACKING date of August 2, PURCHASE date of Aug 16. An exception is the oats in General Mills cereals that may be Chodosh starting with a packing date of Sept 15.

The guide is in progress and will be published as soon as possible. The guide cannot be finished until the Durum wheat, used in noodles and pasta, is harvested.

(Source: Project Chodosh)

Available Here: <https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/YoshonAlerts-8-20-19.pdf>



### August 12, 2019 – Harvest Update from Project Chodosh

“Chodosh oats are already in production and may reach the shelves by the end of this week.

The wheat and barley harvest have begun and we will let you know as soon as we have a cut-off date. At this point, anything on the shelves is still Yoshon.

The harvest of durum wheat, used in pasta has begun as well. Anything available is still Yoshon.

Mrs. Rosskamm

LZ" N R' Yosef Herman” (Source: Project Chodosh)

Available Here: <https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/YoshonAlerts-8-12-19.pdf>



### August 6, 2019 - Oats Dates and Updates

“Oats have a chodosh date this year of August 2nd. Anything produced before this date is Yoshon. Anything produced after this date may be chodosh.

Oats have a purchase date of August 16. Anything purchased through August 16th does not need to be checked for Yoshon status. Anything purchased after this date needs to be checked.

The spring wheat and barley harvest have begun. Cut off dates will be within the next two weeks. Updates will be issued when available. Items purchased in stores do not need to be checked yet unless you are getting direct from the grower.

Mrs. Rosskamm” (Source: Project Chodosh)

Available Here: <https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/YoshonAlerts-8-6-19.pdf>

## YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS

The OU, Star-K of Baltimore, and cRc of Chicago all have new lists for Yoshon Establishments as mentioned above. The respective links can be accessed there.

## RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS

### Product Recall on Entenmann’s Little Bites Soft Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies (OU-D)

**August 1, 2019** - Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc. has initiated a voluntary recall of Entenmann’s Little Bites Soft Baked Cookies (5 pack Mini Chocolate Chip variety) due to the potential presence of visible, blue plastic pieces in the individual packaging pouch. The plastic is not baked into the product since it was introduced during the packaging process; however, consumption of the plastic pieces may result in a choking hazard. Entenmann’s Little Bites Cookies are made on a dedicated production line, so no Little Bites Muffins or other Entenmann’s brand products are affected.

The product being recalled has “Best By” date, UPC and Lot code and was distributed in the states listed below. The Best By Date can be found on the top of the box, the Lot Code is to the left of the top of the box underneath the price/lb. The UPC Code can be found in the lower right hand corner on the back of the box.

Product Name

Entenmann’s Little Bites Soft Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies (5pk)

Best By Dates	UPC Code	Lot Code
August 31, 2019	7203002378	1350
September 7, 2019	7203002378	1350

To see the entire report, go to:

<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/bimbo-bakeries-usa-voluntary-recall-entenmanns-little-bites-cookies-due-potential-presence-plastic>

(Source: FDA)



### August 26, 2019 - Alerts from the UOS of South Africa

**Wafer King Cones** are no longer kosher certified. Current stock may be used. [This product used to be on UOS' Yoshon Update list.]

(Source: UOS)

## OFFERS, PROMOS, AND DISCOUNT COUPONS

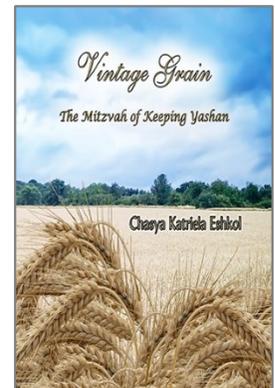
**Multiple Coupons for Kellogg's Products:** This link offers a whole page of printable coupons:

<https://coupons.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com/>



**Last Chance!** The Yoshon Network Inc. will be closing the promotional giveaway celebrating its Yoshon.com Newsletter and Yoshon News Alerts list, due to lack of interest. **This month is the last opportunity to take part in this special event!** The first three subscribers to submit five new qualifying email subscription sign ups, can win a free copy of the hardcover version of "*Vintage Grain: The Mitzvah of Keeping Yashan*" by our Executive Director, Chasya Katriela Eshkol, a \$27 retail value! The author has donated these book copies to TYNI.

To enter this promotional giveaway, send a request email to [news@yoshon.com](mailto:news@yoshon.com), with five different names and email addresses of people who keep yoshon that you think would like to receive the newsletter and news alerts. Only qualifying email subscriptions will be counted toward the five. To qualify, each subscription must be for a different new person, and does not include the original subscriber. All potential new subscribers will be asked for permission before any subscription can take place. The three winners will be announced in the newsletter and on the Yoshon.com News Banner if a winner is confirmed. Winners will be notified by email and must supply their address in order for book copies to be shipped to them.



Hatzlacha and Chodesh Tov!

The TYNI Staff

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