



GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

G'mar Chatimah Tovah!

It promises to be a sweet new year with more manufacturers starting to offer yoshon products, or special yoshon runs.

A few items are still Yoshon, such as frozen bread dough and some crackers. If you haven't stocked up by now, you have nearly run out of time. Certain items are no longer available, and the season is in full force. We have gotten many questions from the Yoshon.com WhatsApp Group, many among them on freshly-baked good. Unless these items have been previously frozen in a store's on-site freezer or a main warehouse, no freshly baked items will be yoshon by now, at least on mainstream brands. Many of the "Jewish" brands are made with yoshon flour, so check the *Guide to Chodosh* and Yoshon.com to find these listed brands.

For those who are new to Yoshon.com, if we do not have a product on our website, we do not have any information on that item. Just because it is not listed, it does not mean it is or is not yoshon.

Our site is currently being updated, and all new information on products from the Guide will state, "Updated as of September 11, 2019". Due to the sheer volume of questions we are receiving, it is slowing down work on the site. Please make sure to check the *Guide* or Yoshon.com before contacting us, because many products that are asked about are already in the *Guide* and/or on Yoshon.com!

Usually, it is far quicker for you to contact the manufacturer of your product to get the production date based on the lot code of your product and compare it to the General Chodosh Cutoff Date for the listed grain ingredient. This actually saves time in the long run, because we would just be doing the same thing and having to report it back to you. Often, a company will be far more receptive to answering questions from an actual consumer with a real lot number than a non-profit organization trying to get general information on a product.



September 18, 2019 - Baruch Dayan HaEmes - Mrs. Atara Herman A"H

More sad news for the yoshon-keeping world this year on the passing of Mrs. Atara Herman. It had not even been a year since her husband, yoshon pioneer Rabbi Yosef Herman z"l passed away unexpectedly. Our sincerest condolences and prayers go out to the entire Herman family.



Yoshon.com on WhatsApp!

We are happy to report that theYoshon.com WhatsApp Chat/Group has been a rousing success! It has been nearing and exceeding capacity at times, but as long as people join through a link, capacity is not an issue. The only posting stipulation is that the subject must be relevant to keeping yoshon. Any deviations will result in being banned from the group.

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

September-22, 2019 - The Trader Joe's Saga Still Continues...

It was noted last month that there were some major contradictions coming from the OU on the projected Yoshon status of Trader Joe's Chocolate and Mango Brooklyn Babkas, and Half-Moon Cookies. After much communication back and forth, the OU ultimately 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)

Enter the COR of Detroit, (and later other sites that report general *kashrut* information). This was their post in their general *kashrut* newsletter on **September 22, 2019**:

“TRADER JOE'S brand of CHOCOLATE BROOKLYN BABKA, MANGO BROOKLYN BABKA and HALF MOON COOKIES that bear OU Pareve are Pas Yisroel and Yoshon.”

(Sources: COR Detroit, and later Kashrut.com)

Please note that TYNI had agreed to not put the information “in print” on Yoshon.com, so we have not updated the site as to break any agreements. However, since word has gotten out from COR Detroit and Kashrut.com, we are merely reporting the news that is already out there from them. We have not gotten a reply from the OU requesting a status update on these products, and will post what we find out. Until then, please be advised to contact OU on their hotline and inquire as to the status of Trader Joe's Babka and Halfmoon Cookies at 212-613-8241.



September 11, 2019 –The Preliminary Guide is Out!

Here is the direct document link for our subscribers. Originally in Word. (Original Source: Project Chodosh)

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/PreliminaryGuidetoChodosh2019.pdf>



September 11, 2019 – Updated Yoshon.com General Chodosh Cut-off Date Sheet

Here is the direct link to the handy sheet of general chodosh packing dates in pdf that can be downloaded, printed out, and hung on the fridge or to take it with you shopping for easy convenience. Enjoy! (Source: TYNI/AKA Yoshon.com)

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/GeneralChodoshCutoffDates2019-2020.pdf>



September 11, 2019 – Finale of the Bob's Red Mill Yoshon-Certified Products

Earlier, 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. Project Chodosh was supposed to receive an update on their products. They too are bound by an agreement, this time with the OK, and merely listed this in the Preliminary Guide: “**Bob's Red Mill** Many products are certified as Yoshon. For specific product information, please email info@ok.org with the exact product name and code information.” This is for any products other than cereals. (Source: Project Chodosh)



September 10, 2019 – Handy Tool for Yoshon-Keepers!

A savvy member from our Yoshon.com WhatsApp Group sent a link to this wonderful tool for subtracting shelf life from best by dates. It can be accessed here:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/date/dateadded.html>



September 3 and 11, 2019 – Project Chodosh Cutoff Dates Plus General Dates Sheet is Updated on Yoshon.com!

The final dates for Barley Malt are posted from Project Chodosh in the Preliminary Guide. The General Cutoff Dates Sheet is updated and can be downloaded at <https://yoshon.com/updates-downloads/#GeneralStartDates>



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/YoshoncRcEstablishments2019-2020.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>



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, or via the WhatsApp chat.

RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

September 12, 2019 – Star-K Quick Guide

Here is the direct document link for the Star-K’s Quick Reference Guide, an abridged version of the “Guide to Chodosh” with popular products. (Source: Star-K)

https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Star-K9-3-19YoshonQuickGuide_5780.pdf



September 12, 2019 – Updated Star-K Yoshon/Pas Yisroel List of Baltimore Establishments

Here is the direct link to the Star-K’s Yoshon/Pas Yisroel List in pdf that can be downloaded and printed out. (Source: Star-K)

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Star-KYoshonPasYisroelEstablishments9-12-2019.pdf>



September 12, 2019 – The Much Anticipated Yoshon Cereals List for This Season is Here!

Here is the direct link to this Yoshon.com exclusive in pdf. (Source: TYNI)

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/YoshonCerealsList2019-2020.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

September 9, 2019 - Hometown Food Company Issues Voluntary Recall of Martha White Gluten Free Sweet Cornbread Muffin Mix Due to Possible Presence of Gluten

Hometown Food Company initiated a limited, voluntary, consumer-level recall of approximately 374 cases of two specific lot codes of its Martha White Gluten Free Sweet Cornbread Muffin Mix, due to standard quality batch testing that indicated the presence of gluten derived from wheat, rye, barley, or crossbreeds of these grains.

The affected cases of impacted were distributed nationwide through two retailers. It only applies to 7oz. boxes of Martha White Gluten Free Sweet Cornbread Muffin Mix with the UPC codes of 013300820148, and the following lot codes and Best-If-Used-By dates:

Lot Code	BIUB Date
9 204	JAN 23 2021
9 205	JAN 24 2021

For more information, see the complete details at the link below. (Source FDA) Note: This product is certified Parve under the OU.

<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/hometown-food-company-issues-voluntary-recall-martha-white-gluten-free-sweet-cornbread-muffin-mix>

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September 6, 2019 - Udi's Classic Hamburger Buns Recalled due to Potential Presence of Foreign Material

Conagra Brands is voluntarily recalling a limited quantity (approx. 2,200 cases) of Udi's Classic Hamburger Buns due to the potential presence of small pieces of white plastic. The company discovered the issue which occurred when a dough scraper was inadvertently incorporated into the production process for a small amount of the product.

The product covered by this recall was distributed for retail sale in the U.S. The specific product information is listed below. No other Udi's or Conagra Brands products are impacted by this recall.

Item Description	Case UPC	Item UPC	Bag Closure Code
Udi's Classic Hamburger Buns 8ct. 10.4 oz.	10-6-98997-80913-2	00-6-98997-80913-5	191971U

The recalled product is sold in clear plastic bags and the UPC is located on the back of the bag in the lower right corner. The bag closure code can be found on the hard plastic closure for the bag. Consumers who have purchased this product are advised not to consume it and to either throw it away or return it to the store where originally purchased. There have been no reports of injuries due to consumption of this product to date. For more information, see the complete details at the link below. (Source FDA) Note: It is certified Parve by Scroll K/Vaad HaKashrus of Denver.

<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/udis-classic-hamburger-buns-recalled-due-potential-presence-foreign-material>

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

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

For today, on this Tzom Gadaliah,

The TYNI Staff wishes you all an easy and meaningful fast, and may your year be filled with Bracha v'Hatzlacha!