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## GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

### Chodesh Tov! The Season is in Full Swing!

It is getting harder to find yoshon products. Certain items are no longer available, and the late season is turning out to more of a challenge than expected. Fortunately, there are a few “Jewish” brands that are making baked goods with *yoshon* flour. Some more available brands include Beigel’s and Stern’s, so check the *Guide to Chodosh* and *Yoshon.com* to find these and other listed brands.

Our site is still being updated, and all new information on products from the *Guide* will state, “Updated as of September 11, 2019”. (Canadian updates will be dated October 8, 2019.) Due to the sheer volume of questions we are receiving from the *Yoshon.com* WhatsApp Groups, 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*!

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. In this case, 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. In general, a company is far more receptive to answering questions from an actual consumer that has purchased their products and can provide a real lot number. Some companies will simply not respond to a non-profit organization trying to get general information on a product.



### October 4, 2019 – The OU’s 5780 Pas Yisroel “Yoshon-Enhanced” List

The OU just released its new Pas Yisroel and Yoshon List for 5780. TYNI has taken the liberty (with permission) to further highlight all of the places where “yoshon” is mentioned for quick reference and the convenience of our visitors.

Here is the direct link to view and/or download the sheet for our subscribers:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/10-3-19-oupasyisroel-yoshonlist-5780.pdf>

(Source: OU Kosher)



### October 4, 2019 – Bob’s Red Mill/Trader Joe’s Deviation

When the *Preliminary Guide to Chodosh* came out, (and as Project Chodosh informed us), the OK had instructed them to only report most of the Bob’s Red Mill products as “For specific information, please email [the OK]...” Being hot on the heels of the Trader Joe’s Babka issue where the OU instructed us to do the same, yet information leaked out from other sources, TYNI has decided to list the “certified-yoshon” best by dates for Bob’s products, according to the OK’s website. Additionally, since there was no response for a requested update from the OU on the Trader Joe’s Babka issue, we will simply state the status according to the COR of Detroit’s recent post as these products being Yoshon.

We believe that it is much more confusing and perhaps even detrimental to omit the known status details, which may cause people to make assumptions on their own, (possibly incorrectly), as to the status of these products. If requesting information from the agency was the *only way* to find out correct information, that is one thing and indeed should be done. However, the fact remains that the information is indeed available to the public on these particular products for anyone to find if they do a little searching on them. It is for that reason that we will be updating the products in the near future on *Yoshon.com* to reflect the correct information, and stating the sources of our research.



## Yoshon.com WhatsApp Group Reaches Capacity!

### October 12, 2019 - Yoshon.com Starts a Second WhatsApp Group

Due to the overwhelming interest, and the inability to exceed WhatsApp's official limit of 256 members, "Yoshon.com WA Group 2" was created. Members come and go, so there is sometimes availability on the original "Yoshon.com Group 1". The groups offer a unique blend of people from yoshon newcomers to knowledgeable mashgichim. News and updates that occur are always posted to both groups, only the individual questions are different. Below are links to both of the groups.

WhatsApp Group Link Invite

Group 1

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

Group 2

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CJt9WPY9zaZ9SvPNi7WURr>

(Source: TYNI)



### 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

### October 29, 2019 - Updated Yoshon Cereals List

An updated list was posted on Yoshon.com, containing some grocery store brands. It can be downloaded directly here:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/YoshonCerealsList5780-10-29-19.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



### October 11, 2019 – MK of Canada Releases their First Yoshon Update of the Season

Includes local establishments. This can be accessed by direct download here:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/MKYoshonAlert1for10-11-19.pdf>

(Source: Montreal Kosher)



### October 8, 2019 – COR of Canada Releases the First Yoshon Update of the Season

This can be accessed by direct download here:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CORCanadaYoshonUpdate1-5780.pdf>

(Source: COR of Canada)

## YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS

The OU, Star-K of Baltimore, and cRc of Chicago all have lists for Yoshon Establishments that can be accessed on the new webpage added last month:

<https://yoshon.com/yoshon-establishments/>

(Source: TYNI)

## RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS

### October 20, 2019 – Hecker’s Flour Insect Infestation Alert from the Kof-K:

Please be advised, it has come to our attention due to mishandling by some independent distributors, the KOF-K is recommending that until further notice all flour be sifted prior to use.

Insect infestation alert – Hecker’s flour bugs found- must be sifted  
October 18, 2019 - from [yudelstake.blogspot.com](http://yudelstake.blogspot.com)

Jan, 2020 & December 30th, 2020- Heckers flour bugs found - must be sifted. Flour bugs found in Heckers flour, purchased in a numerous tri-state (NY/NJ) stores dated December 30th 2020. Unknown, how long in stores storage.

This report came from: <https://www.kashrut.com/Alerts/>  
(Source: Kashrut.com)

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### October 7, 2019 – Robin Hood Flour Recall

Company Announcement: Out of an abundance of caution, The J. M. Smucker Company today announced a voluntary recall of specific lots of Robin Hood® All Purpose Flour distributed and sold in the U.S. due to possible E. coli contamination. This recall does not impact any Robin Hood® items sold in Canada.

No other items manufactured by The J. M. Smucker Company, including other Robin Hood® products distributed and sold in the U.S. or Canada, are impacted by this issue. No illnesses related to this issue have been reported to date.

The impacted products are as follows:

Robin Hood® All Purpose Flour (5 lb) UPC Code - Item: 051500180105

Lot Codes	Best if Used By Dates
8350 513	6/16/2020
8351 513	6/17/2020
8354 513	6/20/2020
8355 513	6/21/2020

These products were distributed by The J. M. Smucker Company to a variety of retailers in the U.S.  
The recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (Source: FDA)

For the complete article go to this link:

<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/j-m-smucker-company-issues-voluntary-recall-specific-lots-robin-hoodr-all-purpose-flour-distributed> .

(Source: FDA)

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### October 4, 2019 – In Association with ADM Milling Co, King Arthur Flour, Inc. Expands Recall of Unbleached All-Purpose Flour (5 Lb & 25 Lb)

In association with ADM Milling Company, King Arthur Flour, Inc., announced today a voluntary national recall of specific lots of its Unbleached All-Purpose Flour (5 lb. & 25 lb.)

Company Announcement: We are taking this voluntary precautionary step because of the potential presence of E. coli 026 which was discovered through sampling. King Arthur Flour has not received any confirmed reports of illnesses related to this product.

This flour was milled at an ADM Milling facility in Buffalo, NY, and was distributed by King Arthur Flour through retailers and distributors nationwide, and sold through our website, catalogue, and store in Norwich, VT.

The only product affected by this voluntary recall is our Unbleached All-Purpose Flour (5 lb. & 25 lb.) from the Best Used by Dates and Lot Codes listed below.

**King Arthur Flour Unbleached All-Purpose Flour 5 lb. UPC: 071012010509**

Best Used By: Lot Code  
12/04/19 L18A04A  
12/05/19 L18A05A, L18A05B, L18A05C  
12/09/19 L18A09B  
12/10/19 L18A10A  
12/13/19 L18A13B, L18A13C  
12/20/19 L18A20A, L18A20B, L18A20C  
12/21/19 L18A21A  
12/27/19 L18A27A, L18A27B, L18A27C  
12/28/19 L18A28A  
01/02/20 A19A02B, A19A02C  
01/03/20 A19A03A, A19A03B, A19A03C  
01/05/20 A19A05A, A19A05B  
01/07/20 A19A07B, A19A07C  
01/08/20 A19A08B  
01/09/20 A19A09B  
01/10/20 A19A10B  
01/12/20 A19A12A  
01/14/20 A19A14A, A19A14B, A19A14C  
01/15/20 A19A15A, A19A15B

Best Used By and Lot Code information can be found on the bottom of the ingredient side panel of the 5 lb. Bag. Best Used By date and Lot Code, along with their location on the bag, must all match in order to represent flour affected by this recall.

**King Arthur Flour Unbleached All-Purpose Flour 25 lb. UPC: 071012012503 (Costco only)**

Best Used By: 12/04/19, 12/10/19, 12/20/19, 01/07/20, 01/15/20

This is an expansion of a recall announced June 13, 2019. The Lot Codes listed above join the previously voluntarily recalled Lot Codes on June 13: <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/association-adm-milling-co-king-arthur-flour-inc-voluntarily-recalls-limited-quantity-unbleached-all>

To view the entire report at the FDA's website, click on the following link:  
<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/association-adm-milling-co-king-arthur-flour-inc-expands-recall-unbleached-all-purpose-flour-5-lb-25>

(Source: FDA)

**OFFERS, PROMOS, AND DISCOUNT COUPONS**

**Coupons for General Mill's and Gerber Products:** This link offers a whole page of printable coupons. Since General Mills is using only winter wheat this season, some notable Yoshon cereals are Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Corn Chex, Fiber One Original, French Toast Crunch, Kix, Rice Chex, Total, Trix, Wheat Chex, and Wheaties. All Gerber Rice Baby Cereals are yoshon.

(Just ignore the non-kosher items on the site!)  
<https://www.bettycrocker.com/coupons/printable>

Kol Tuv,  
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