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GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

Shana Tovah!

Let the Season Resume As Normal!

Our first newsletter of the year finds that at last, all of the cutoff dates have been announced, and a good majority of products are reported, many as being *yoshon*, or easily determined by date codes. This season's information started off very slowly, with cutoff date announcements trickling in. Finally, toward the end of August a lot of other updates came in, and these are included in this issue. Hopefully, things should finally start getting back to normal for the *chodosh* season.



General TYNI News: Streamlining is in for the year! Our chatbot YAIR has successfully answered over 150 queries, most of which are from people with non-*yoshon* product questions, that would have normally would have been addressed by volunteer staff. This saves time for the more important things, like updating Yoshon.com's over 2,030 entries, and multiple products within most of them.

We made the Yoshon.com search box easier to locate. Now there is even a bookmarkable link that can be used to get there fast! It is: <https://yoshon.com/#sbox>. Another added bonus for searching is the addition of UPC numbers. These are very helpful to find an exact product, as long as we have that information. There are now more products with UPCs than without, and we hope to keep gathering more.

The Yoshon.com WhatsApp Group 2 reached capacity earlier last week, and Group 3 was started. Although the numbers may fluctuate slightly, capacity is 257 members. Group 1 is at capacity most of the time. It is quite heartening to see the overwhelming popularity and member participation in the groups.



News on Trader Joe's Yoshon Items: As promised in a previous news alert, we are reporting what we learned. The good news is that the Trader Joe's Soft Baked Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies are again "Certified Yoshon" this year under the OK. Trader Joe's Classic Organic, and Maple Brown Sugar Oatmeal Cups are also listed as "Certified Yoshon" but only before certain dates. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the all-time favorite Chocolate Brooklyn Babka. Never take anything for granted. The sad news is below, reported from the COR of Detroit.



Ka'ak Confusion Continues: Back in June, the OK announced it had dropped its *hashgacha* on Sallie Mishaan's Gourmet Ka'ak. In August, upon visiting the Kosher Valet website which sells the product, it showed it was under supervision of "Rabbi Tartikoff". The Kosher Valet owner contacted us and told us they would contact their vendor and find out who it was under, which they did. Currently, the Kosher Valet page for Sallie Mishaan's Gourmet Healthy Ka'ak has "Kashrut: Kosher, Dipped, Parve - Under Supervision of Bet Din Tartikov".

One of the members of our WhatsApp groups sent a picture of a very similar item called "Grandma Sallie's Ka'ak". Surely this is the same product with a different label and name. Just how many companies can make "Ka'ak", and have the unusual spelling of "Sallie" instead of "Sally"? The picture showed that it was under the *hashgacha* of Rabbi Yechiel Babad of Tartikov. Understandably, these are very busy times. The Kosher Valet owner did not respond to our last email, nor has the Tartikov Beis Din. *The Pre-Edit Preliminary Guide* is still showing the OK being the *hashgacha*. Due to the confusion, the current status on [Yoshon.com](https://yoshon.com) for Sallie Mishaan's Gourmet Ka'ak will remain "Status: Unknown" at least until we find out what is indeed accurate. We would like to hear what the real story is.

RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

September 15, 2020 – Three Yoshon.com Resources Are Published

Thanks in part to the recent Project Chodosh and Star-K updates, we were able to put together our usual lists. All will be updated when the need arises, or if necessary. The Direct Download Links are below each.

The General Chodosh Start Dates Sheet

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GeneralDatesUpdated-9-15-20.pdf>

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Yoshon Cereals List

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/YoshonCerealsListUpdated-9-15-20.pdf>

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Yoshon Flours List

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/YoshonFloursListUpdated-9-15-20.pdf>

(Source of All: TYNI)

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September 14, 2020 - Preliminary Guide to Chodosh-PRE EDIT Copy

Project Chodosh released the unedited Preliminary *Guide to Chodosh* “to get the information out as fast as possible”. As they advised, it is not mean to be the final copy, so stay tuned for the upcoming version. We will let you know when it happens. Below is the Direct Document Download.

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/preliminary-guide-2020-draft-2.pdf>

(Source: Project Chodosh)

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September 2, 2020 – Star-K Publishes Its “Yoshon Quick Reference Guide”

Star-K released its abridged version. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Star-KYoshonQuickList2021-9-2-20.pdf>

(Sources: Star-K)

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September 1, 2020 – OK Kosher Has New Yoshon Search Feature!

September 1st, The OK contacted us with the wonderful news that they now had a “Yoshon Product Search” feature on their website. This is the link to get to it: <https://www.ok.org/consumers/yoshon/>

(Source: OK Kosher)

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August 29, 2020 – COR Bulletin Update On Trader Joe’s Items

“• **TRADER JOE’S brand of CHOCOLATE BROOKLYN BABKA** and **HALF MOON COOKIES** that bear OU Pareve are Pas Yisroel. (They are no longer Yoshon.)...

• **LILLY’S BABKA, RUGELACH** and other cakes and cookies with an OU from Lilly’s Baking Company / Brooklyn Brands are Pas Yisroel. (The labels no longer need to state Pas Yisroel. They are not Yoshon.)

Due to an equipment failure, the following cookies that are normally OK certified as Pas Yisroel, are actually not Pas Yisroel:

• **TRADER JOE’S Soft Baked Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies** with a date code of NOV 04 20.

• **MATT’S COOKIES** of the following varieties with date codes between NOV 03 20 – NOV 26 20: **Chocolate Chip, Double Chocolate Chip, Salted Caramel Walnut, Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin, Cranberry Walnut, S’Mores, and Peanut Butter. ...”**

(Source: COR Detroit)



August 25, 2020 – MK Canada Yoshon Alert

Here is a new Yoshon Alert from the MK (Montreal Kosher of Canada):

“PLEASE STOCK UP WITH YOSHON PRODUCTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE YOSHON SEASON IS SOON UPON US!” [It is then repeated in French as well.]

The Direct Download Link for the official alert is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MKYoshonAlert-8-25-20.pdf>

YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS

September 2, 2020 – Star-K Publishes Its “Pas Yisroel/Yoshon List

The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Star-KYoshonEstablishments-9-2020.pdf>

(Sources: Star-K)



August 2020 – The cRc Publishes Two Pas Yisroel/Yoshon Lists

One is on their web page, the other is a download. We combined them into one document. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/cRcYoshonPasYisroelEstablishments8-2020.pdf>

(Source: cRc)

RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS

September 11, 2020 - Goodie Girl Tribeca LLC Recalls Magical Animal Crackers Due to Undeclared Wheat

Goodie Girl Tribeca LLC announced it is voluntarily recalling 389 cases of a single date code of 7 oz. Goodie Girl Magical Animal Crackers, with a “best by” date of Jan 11, 21A3, after learning that the product may contain undeclared wheat ingredients. There has been an individual with a wheat allergy that was treated for a wheat allergen reaction.

This recall affects only 389 cases of the following product, which were distributed in retail stores nationwide:

Description: Goodie Girl GF Magical Animal Crackers

UPC: 855987003953 Size: 7 Ounces Best By Date: Jan 11, 2021

Distributed between 4/17/2020 – 5/7/2020

This recall does not apply to any other “best by” dates, sizes or varieties of Goodie Girl Tribeca LLC.

To see the entire FDA report, go to this link:

<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/goodie-girl-tribeca-llc-recalls-goodie-girl-magical-animal-crackers-due-undeclared-wheat>

(Source: FDA)

TYNI Notes: This alert was just sent out to the FDA's list today, despite the date of publication.

The recalled batch is actually *yoshon*, and it does contain oats. It is certified OU-D.



August 27, 2020 – B&G Foods Issues Voluntary Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in a Limited Number of Boxes of Back to Nature® Organic Rosemary & Olive Oil Stoneground Wheat Crackers

Company Announcement: B&G Foods announced today it is voluntarily recalling 1,502 cases of a single date code of 6 oz. Back to Nature Organic Rosemary & Olive Oil Stoneground Wheat Crackers, with a “best by” date of APR 07 2021, after learning that the product may contain undeclared milk ingredients. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume the product contained in the recalled boxes. There is no health risk associated with this product for individuals without an allergy to milk.

This recall affects only 1,502 cases of the following product, which were distributed in retail stores nationwide:

Description: Back to Nature Organic Rosemary & Olive Oil Stoneground Wheat Crackers Size: 6 oz.

UPC #: 819898010158 Best By Date: APR 07 2021 (The “best by” date is located on the top of the box.)

This recall does not apply to any other “best by” dates, sizes or varieties of Back to Nature products.”...

[TYNI Note: These crackers are OU-D.] To see the FDA report in its entirety, click on the link below.

<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/bg-foods-issues-voluntary-allergy-alert-undeclared-milk-limited-number-boxes-back-naturer-organic>

(Source: FDA)

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August 26, 2020 - Riviana Foods Inc. Voluntarily Recalls Ronzoni® Smart Taste® Extra-Wide Noodles Due to Possible Undeclared Egg Allergen

Company Announcement: Riviana Foods Inc. is voluntarily recalling 19,931 cases of certain coded Ronzoni Smart Taste Extra-Wide Noodle cellophane packages that contain an egg noodle product. The affected Ronzoni Smart Taste Extra-Wide Noodle packages do not declare the allergen “egg”, which is an ingredient in the noodle product.

The product can be identified by the manufacturing code and UPC number listed on the package as [seen] below.

Product Size	Product Name	UPC
12 oz.	Ronzoni® Smart Taste® Extra-Wide Noodles	7130005008

Manufacturing Codes

MAR3022H, MAR3122H, JUN0422H, JUN0522H, JUL2422H, JUL2522H

To see the entire actual FDA report, click on the link below:

<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/riviana-foods-inc-voluntarily-recalls-certain-manufacturing-date-and-upc-number-ronzonir-smart>

(Source: FDA)

OFFERS, PROMOS, AND DISCOUNT COUPONS

Coupons for Kellogg’s Cereals: Lots of cereal coupons. (Ignore the ones that aren’t kosher).

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

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Coupons for Nature Valley Granola Bars: If you can still find good dates, stock up!

<https://www.bettycrocker.com/coupons/printable>

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Coupons on Kikkoman Soy Sauce: For the USA and Canada.

<https://kikkomanusa.com/homecooks/offers/coupons.php>

May you have a meaningful and easy fast, and a happy and healthy year !!!

Kol Tuv,

The TYNI Staff

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