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## GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

Chodesh Tov, and Chanukah Sameach!

### General Yoshon News

As we patiently await the release of the *Final Guide to Chodosh* centered mostly on products in the USA and Israel, various other countries still have info trickling in. South Africa still has many *yoshon* items such as oats, barley and beer. Their oats and barley are likely to become *chodosh* sometime within January or February. Canada also still has several *yoshon* flours at the time of this Newsletter's release.

We are happy to announce that we just posted our 2,100<sup>th</sup> product entry last week on Yoshon.com. Here at TYNI, we have seen an incredible jump in the amount of private Whatsapp questions, texts, and emails, as well as nearly non-stop questions from each of our three Whatsapp Groups. It is becoming very apparent that there is a new surge of people wanting to keep the *mitzvah* of *yoshon*. Yoshon newcomers are coming forward more than ever before in our relatively short official history of 6 years. While we do our best to educate and help them, it is hard to keep up with so many people, and to give them the quality of attention that they really need.

The Yoshon.com Newsletter Subscriptions have tripled since this time last year to 156 subscribers. Our WhatsApp Group members now number 678, with a few spots open on Groups 1 and 2. There is still plenty of room on the Group 3. The link to join is:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BvuzTgiKf0rIDJ0jH9gfFz> .

If you have been keeping *yoshon* for a good amount of time and “know the ropes”, and you meet any newcomers that need help, please spend the necessary time with them to help teach them. Most are very willing to learn, but it can be so confusing to the newcomers that they can easily get discouraged. That is why our TYNI organization exists, but we are a volunteer-only non-profit organization with limited times and funds.

Feel free to direct them to Yoshon.com and the many resources and articles that we have on our website, or recommend reading the book “*Vintage Grain: The Mitzvah of Keeping Yashan*” by our Executive Director. Our goal in life is to make the *mitzvah* as easy to do as possible, but some education does have to go into it.

It is heartening to see so many new people become serious about taking on the *mitzvah*, and so many new companies and products adopting *yoshon* ingredients and *hashgacha*. Everyone, from *mashgichim* to lay people, keep up the great work!

(Source: TYNI)

## RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

### December 10, 2020 – The UOS of South Africa Update #3

The UOS of South Africa has its third update for the season. Most updates are on flour cutoff dates. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/UOSYoshonUpdate3for5781.pdf>

(Source: UOS)

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### **December 7, 2020 – The MK of the UK #1**

This first update of the season for the Manchester Beth Din (MK) of the UK is mostly on various cereals. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/MBDChodosh12-7-2020.pdf>

(Source: MK of UK)

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### **December 1, 2020 – UOS Update #2**

This second major update of the season for the UOS of South Africa includes Yoshon Establishments, as well as other updates. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/UOSYoshonUpdate2for5781.pdf>

(Source: UOS)

## **YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS**

### **December 7, 2020 – Newly Updated Yoshon Flours List**

Update includes the new brand of flour from Target. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/YoshonFloursListUpdated-12-7-20.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)

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### **December 7, 2020 – Update on A&H**

“A&H Kishke is no longer *yoshon*.”

(Source: Rabbi Sholom Tendler of Star-K)

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### **December 3, 2020 – The OU Extends the Cutoff Date for All Trumps Flour**

The OU extended the cutoff date for All Trumps Flour made in the Buffalo, NY General Mills plant. It now has a cutoff date of August 31, 2020.

(Source: Rabbi Chaim Tuvia Hansen of Kehillah Kashrus)

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### **November 30, 2020 – Bloom’s Cookies Update**

We received confirmation that the following Blooms items are always Yoshon (at least this year), no special designation is required...

032797-004619, Bloomeos Chocolate Cremes  
032797-004596, Bloomeos Chocolate Fudge Creme  
032797-004602, Bloomeos Vanilla Cremes  
032797-004947, ABC Cookie Squares  
032797-004923, Alef Beis Cookies Squares  
032797-004909, Animal Crackers  
032797-004930, Mini Choc Chip Cookies  
032797-004893, Whole Grain Animal Crackers

#### **BLOOM'S HUGGY BEARS**

032797-004954, Huggy Bears Chocolate Chip Graham  
032797-004978, Huggy Bears Chocolate Graham  
032797-004961, Huggy Bears Honey Graham

## **BLOOMS COOKIES VEND PACK**

032797-004497, 1 oz Cookies/ ABC  
032797-004848, 1 oz Cookies/ Alef Beis Cookies Squares  
032797-004480, 1 oz Cookies/ Animal Crackers  
032797-004466, 1 oz Cookies/ Mini Chocolate Chips  
032797-004855, 1 oz Cookies/ Whole Grain Animal Crackers  
032797-004473, 1 oz Cookies/ Pop Ummms / Choc Chip  
032797-004503, 30-1/2oz Cookies/ Pop Ummms /Choc Chip

(Source: Star-K)

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## **November 23, 2020 – Update on Target’s New Flour Brand**

There were concerns about Target changing its old line of products from “Market Pantry” to “Good & Gather”. Most of their flour was actually *yoshon*. Upon inquiring about it to the Kof-K which does the *hashgacha*, this was the response:

“...The New Target brand of Good & Gather flour, both Bleached/unbleached, white flour/whole wheat flour packed in 2 LB and 5 LB bags are produced with winter wheat in a mill that only handles winter wheat. With that being said, these items do contain malted barley flour at approximately 0.02% which would be a *Chodosh* concern after 12/15. Also, important note the Organic flour labeled under the Good & Gather brand is produced at another mill which does handle *Chodosh*.”

(Source: Rabbi Moshe Reich of Kof-K)

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## **November 23, 2020 – Unger Update**

### **Unger’s Fillo dough**

- Lot 202419 - is still *Yoshon*.
- Lot 203099 -NOT *Yoshon*

(Source: New Square Kashrus)

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## **November 11, 2020 – Unger Update**

### **Unger’s Frozen Pie Shells**

All sizes are *Yoshon*.

(Source: New Square Kashrus)

## **RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS**

## **November 23, 2020 - Info on Lotus Biscoff Spread**

**LOTUS BISCOFF SPREAD**, made in Belgium, has Kosher certification only for special productions, and should be accepted only when bearing the Chug Chasam Sofer Bnai Brak symbol printed on the label. Some jars have only “K-Pareve Chug” ink jetted on the side of the unsecured cap, and no Kosher marking on the label. According to our information, the Kashrus status of these jars is questionable.

[TYNI Note: This would also apply to being *yoshon*, since Chug Chasam Sofer of B’nei Brak is one of the “Always *Yoshon*” *hechsherim*.]

(Source: COR Detroit)

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## December 7, 2020 – Possible Change in Yoshon Status

There was a report from Kellogg's to Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) that wheat would be appearing in the ingredients of their Morningstar Farms® Veggie Grillers® Crumbles starting in December of 2020. Prior to this, these had not contained any wheat, and were considered "yoshon". The Kellogg's website had not been updated to reflect the change, so it is not clear yet as to whether this is just a liability statement in the allergen list, or if they will eventually contain actual wheat or wheat derivatives.

Therefore, if one wants to buy these, it would be wise to check the ingredients prior to purchase. If they do contain wheat, they have a shelf life of 1 year, so the date code to go by would be before "Best By: AUG06 2021". If there is no wheat listed in the ingredients, it can still be considered *yoshon*.

The actual notice can be found here:

<https://www.foodallergy.org/living-food-allergies/food-allergy-essentials/allergy-alerts/ingredient-notice-wheat-kellogg>

(Source: Kashrut.com)

### OFFERS, PROMOS, AND DISCOUNT COUPONS

**Coupons for General Mills Cereals:** Nice \$1 coupon off of General Mills cereals (many of which are *yoshon*).

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

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**Coupons on Kikkoman Soy Sauce:** For the USA and Canada. Soy sauce will still be *yoshon* in the USA until a packing date of January 6, 2021 (and perhaps even later in Canada).

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

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**Coupons for Kellogg's Cereals:** Several coupons on various cereals, but beware that some of the ones they feature may not be kosher.

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

Wishing Everyone a Happy and Healthy Chanukah!

The TYNI Staff

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