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GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

Shavua Tov and Chodesh Tov!

General Yoshon News from TYNI

This is our last newsletter for the *yoshon* season, and we hope you will stay with us! After this, the Yoshon.com Newsletter will still come out every Rosh Chodesh, but will be quite sparse. The Yoshon News Alerts won't occur very often until the chodosh season is about to begin, and only when there is some sort of news. Of course, we will send out all updates and information as soon as we get them. As for the Newsletter Subscriptions, there are now 174 subscribers.



The Yoshon.com WhatsApp Groups

For unknown reasons, there is usually a “mass exodus” from our Yoshon.com WhatsApp Groups right after *Pesach*! If you are a group member, please consider just staying in your group. There is little if any activity during the “off-season” when everything is *yoshon*, and when the season does start, you will be the first to get any news! (Newsletter subscribers are second simply because it takes more time to put together.)

One person contacted me privately and almost apologetically told me that they left their group last year because they just couldn't stand the people who posted right after *Pesach* asking if their item was *yoshon*. Really, that is kind of a silly excuse to leave. It doesn't happen that often. The posters are new-to-yoshon-keeping and just need to be educated. If it bothers one so much, group notifications can always be put on the silent setting. It is far better to be alerted to when the new season does start. The said person didn't rejoin their group until well after the *chodosh* season had started, and literally, they had missed half of the season once they did rejoin. They could have been stocking up, getting all the timely alerts, and planning ahead, instead of getting frustrated with a few “newbies” who may (or may not even) post a question.

It is interesting to note that each of the groups have certain characteristics. Groups 1 and 2 have always been pretty stable with very little turnover. Group 1 by far has the most *mashgichim*. Group 2 has many Canadians. Group 3 is very random, and seems to act as overflow with a great deal of turnover, most members being newcomers to *yoshon*. Thankfully, we have been able to just keep up with the questions, and no Group 4 has been needed. There are at least two *mashgichim* in each group, and there are Admins on them all. Yours truly (Chasya Eshkol) acts as the main Admin who sends out all of the updates and fields many of the questions, or guides people to where their questions can be answered. At the time of writing

this, our WhatsApp Group members now number 734, with only 33 spots open on Group 3, 1 spot on Group 1, and 3 spots on Group 2.

If you are interested in joining any of the groups or know someone else who is, the links to join the various groups are below.

Group 1

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

Group 2

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CJt9WPy9zaZ9SvPNi7WURr>

Group 3:

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

Everyone is welcome whether newcomers and seasoned pros alike. The rules are strictly enforced that the only topic to be discussed is *yoshon*. Mashgichim are encouraged to post *yoshon* news on products or companies that they oversee. It has been a beautiful thing to watch the new people blossom and learn over a year or two. It's heartening seeing the various people on all different levels, with the experts helping the newcomers, and everyone pitching in to educate, help, and inform each other. My sincerest thanks to everyone who helps to make the groups work so well. B"H, we really have something special.

RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

March 8, 2021 – Another New Video Added to Our “Yoshon Videos” Page

A new all-Hebrew video shiur from Rabbi David Yosef, (son of Rav Ovadia Yosef zt"l) on “The Essence of Chadash” was added to our “Yoshon Videos” page. Here is the link:

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

(Source: TYNI)



February 23, 2021 – Star-K Yoshon Quick Reference Guide Update

We found out about this a bit late, as it wasn't sent out in any alerts. It is available on our website. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Star-KYoshonQuickGuide-2-23-2021.pdf>

(Source: Star-K)

YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS

Nothing to report this month.

RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS

Nothing to report this month.

OFFERS, PROMOS, AND DISCOUNT COUPONS

Coupons for Kellogg's Cereals: Several coupons on various cereals, but a couple of them may not be kosher and check the dates carefully to make sure they are *yoshon*.

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

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Coupons on Kikkoman Soy Sauce: Soy sauce was still *yoshon* in the USA until a packing date of January 6, 2021. There should still be plenty of *yoshon* stock available, and according to the *Guide to Chodosh*, some even hold the wheat in it is batul. (Ask your LOR.). A nice 55 cent coupon for the USA and Canada:

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

Kol Tuv,

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