



GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

Chodesh Tov!

The Official Yoshon.com App is Coming Soon!

We have been waiting for the exciting news to share- our Official Yoshon.com Mobile App is nearing completion. Visit this page to see all the details of the app: <https://yoshon.com/mobile-app/>. There are many pictured examples.

Before official launch, we need everyone’s help and participation in a survey to determine how much to charge for the app. Although we would like for it to be free, our non-profit organization still needs to pay for implementing all the requested features, as well as ongoing maintenance, updates, etc. Our budget only covers the website operations through public donations. B"H, that TYNI and the Yoshon.com website have been self-sufficient over the years, but the app development costs are more than expected. Therefore, a one-time downloading fee will have to be instituted. The more people that can commit to getting the app, the less we will need to charge.

Having seen the app in action, it is so amazing what it can do! The convenience, functionality, and speed are incredible! The UPC bar code scanning function is lightning-fast, and instantly displays your exact product, as long as it is in our UPC product database. With that said, please take a moment to do the short 4-question survey. The goal is to make the app accessible and affordable to all *yoshon*-keepers.

Your feedback is important for all of us. To take the survey, go here: <https://yoshon.com/yapsurvey/> . The new stats are tallied and posted each night, so you can see what others are thinking too! The survey closes and the stats will be removed on March 10, 2022, so please do not put it off! We need the commitment to download from at least 300 people. The app will make it easier to keep the *mitzvah* of *yoshon* by having updated information at your fingertips! It is definitely worth it!



February 11, 2022 – Chodosh Grain Alert for Israel

This article was found at Matzav.com:

“KASHRUS ALERT: Chodosh Problem In Israel

Due to the difficulty in importing grain from Europe during the pandemic, tons of grain that arrived at the Haifa port is suspected to be chodosh, which the Shulchan Aruch forbids even when grown outside Eretz Yisroel.

Kashrus organizations are warning that products produced with chodosh cannot be considered as kosher l’mehadrin, particularly for Sephardim who follow the rulings of the Shulchan Aruch.”

[TYNI Note: The original can be viewed here: <https://matzav.com/kashrus-alert-chodosh-problem-in-israel/>)

(Source: Matzav.com)”



RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

February 21, 2022 – Yoshon Update #9 for South Africa

A complete and full update, containing establishments and products. The Direct Download link to see it is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/UOSYoshonUpdate9-2-21-22.pdf>

(Source: UOS)



February 16, 2022 – Revised “Always Yoshon” Hechsherim List

One *hechsher* was removed and is being looked into. Another, which has two symbols, has been added. The Direct Download link to see it is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Always-YoshonHechsherim-2022.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



February 16, 2022 – Updated Yoshon Cereals List

There was a new cereal added. The Direct Download link to see it is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/YoshonCerealsListUpdated2-16-22.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



February 6, 2022 – Updated Info for Our General Chodosh Cut-Off Dates Chart for 5782

There were no dates updated, only product types added to the list, and further clarifications, such as the list only applies to products from the USA. We hope the clarifications help make it easier. The Direct Document Download is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/GeneralDatesUpdated-2-6-22.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS

February 9, 2022 – Anat Pita Alert

Short and to the point:

“Anat Pita etc. (only if produced in Johannesburg) is Yoshon with the production date up to and including 09 Feb 22. Anything Produced 10 Feb or later is not Yoshon.”

The Direct Download link to see it is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/UOSYoshonUpdate8-2-9-22.pdf>

(Source: UOS)



February 7, 2022 – Coco Praline Alert

See Alert #2 for details. The Direct Download link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/MK-MiniYoshonUpdate2-2-7-22.pdf>

(Source: Montreal Kosher)



February 7, 2022 – Pita Royale Alert

See Alert# 1 for details. The Direct Download link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/MK-MiniYoshonUpdate1-2-7-22.pdf>

(Source: Montreal Kosher)



February 6, 2022 – Kiwi Kids Boxes Kravy Alert

This notification was sent to us by one of our newsletter subscribers:



(Source: TYNI Research)



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RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS

February 2, 2022 – COR Kosher Gram with Yoshon Alerts and Lots of Good Advice

- **GREENFIELD NOODLE CO.** has exhausted its stock of Yoshon flour, and is now using Chodosh flour. Chodosh product will not state “Yoshon” next to the expiration date.

- **BARLEY CHECKING REMINDER:** There have been several reports recently of insects found in Gefen Pearl Barley. Many Kashrus agencies recommend that all barley (and in particular Yoshon brands) be checked prior to use. Following are two options for checking:

Soaking Method:

1. Place all the barley you wish to use in a white bowl, and fill the bowl with water, a few inches over the top of the barley.
2. Allow to sit for 15-20 minutes. If insects are present, they will float to the top. If any do, repeat the process, and if no more are then found, the barley may be used.

Plate Method:

1. Place a small pile of barley - about two ounces at a time - on a white paper plate (not plastic, which creates a shine) with good overhead light that illuminates the plate.
2. Use a finger or a fork to drag a small amount of barley away from the pile, spreading that barley in a single layer. Visually inspect the spread apart barley, looking for webbing, black insects and white or tan worms between or under the kernels.
3. Repeat this until the entire pile has been checked. Then do the same for the rest of the barley in the package.

– **ONLINE SHOPPING REMINDER:** When shopping online for grocery delivery or curbside pickup, be sure to check the actual label on each item when the order is received. This is essential because many online descriptions or pictures give inaccurate or outdated information regarding the product's Kosher status. In addition, the store may substitute non-Kosher or nonapproved products if the requested item is not available.

One recent example: **Member's Mark California Almonds Roasted with Sea Salt** (oil roasted) from Sam's Club is still pictured online with an OU symbol, but the actual product currently does not bear an OU.

[TYNI Note: This same thing holds even more true for *yoshon* items!]

(Source for all: COR Detroit)



OFFERS, PROMOS, AND DISCOUNT COUPONS

There still were not many coupons available this month for food products, but we did manage to find a few.

Coupon for Kikkoman: This is a nice coupon for any Kikkoman product, not just soy sauce. It should be possible to find soy sauces that are still *yoshon*, since the packing date cutoff was just December 30, 2021:

<https://landing.redplum.com/p/kikkoman>

Coupon for Planet Oat: We have the dates for the Shelf-Stable varieties of Planet Oat Oatmilk on our website. There may still be a few *yoshon* ones out there if you look hard enough! If you find them, they must be *before* the Best By Date of JUL 23 2022:

<https://landing.redplum.com/p/hood-gallery-iframe>

Coupons for Kedem: Perfect for Pesach and the Four Cups! Save up to \$6 on Kedem Grape Juice with \$1.50 per bottle mail-in rebates. Expires Dec 31, 2022.

<http://www.kedemsavings.com/>

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