



GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

Chodesh Tov!

Here is all the news from this month...



January 24, 2023 – Sent to Project Chodosh’s Email List

“Dear Fellow Shomer Yoshon,

As we approach the 4th yearzeit of our father Reb Yoseph ben Yehoshua z”l, the void left by his sudden petira hasn’t diminished, neither on a personal nor a communal level. We were, unfortunately, wholly unprepared to take over his life’s work on Project Chodosh. We realize that the public suffered together with us. We went through many growing pains behind the scenes but with Hashem’s help, things seem to be finally falling into place. With the prodding and encouragement of many anxious consumers, and subsequent consultation with our daas Torah, the Herman family has committed to continuing Project Chodosh. To that end we have hired a full time-staff, headed by our niece, Mrs. C Rosskamm, who was directly trained by our father a”h. Mrs. Rosskamm’s all-encompassing knowledge of all aspects of Project Chodosh is breathtaking. The Project would not have survived until now without her, and her leadership and guidance are indispensable to all Shomrei Yoshon. Since the inception of Project Chodosh Rav Avrohom Greenfeld Shlit”a has been working closely with our father a”h and has graciously agreed to continue.

To date, The Project was able to cover expenses through donations and by the sale of the Guides, with our father covering the occasional shortfall. With the wisdom of hindsight, we realize that he single handedly did the work of an entire team, always without remuneration. Now that he is gone, this model is unsustainable. You are witness to the struggles we have endured to bring the information you rely on to the public. With our new structure, we are looking at an annual budget of approximately \$200,000. We are appealing to those who have made use of the Guide throughout the years to help cover our new budget.

Our father’s yearzeit is on 5 Shvat. Any learning or mitzva that can be dedicated l’iluy nishmas Reb Yoseph ben Yehoshua, would be appreciated. Additionally, we will be initiating a crowdfunding campaign at <https://www.rayze.it/projectchodosh/> on our father’s yearzeit with the hope to significantly cover the budget. Please understand that The Project now depends on donations to keep it running. Without significant contributions there is no way we will be able to continue this vital work. Dedication opportunities can be arranged by contacting herman.chodosh@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Moshe Herman on behalf of the Herman Family”

(Source: Project Chodosh)

TYNI Note: Although we at The Yoshon Network Inc. are in no way affiliated with Project Chodosh or the *Guide to Chodosh*, our work on Yoshon.com would never have happened without them. Therefore, it is crucial that we send out their message in order to help them achieve their financial goal.



TYNI News

TYNI on Guidestar: For the 6th consecutive year in a row, The Yoshon Network Inc. earned its Guidestar/Candid Gold Seal of Transparency for its non-profit reporting with Guidestar Non-Profit Reporting Agency.

Yoshon.com and Our App: Sometimes people complain that their product is not on the site or the app. Much of the time it is because we have no information on it. However, if there is an item that is normally on our site but does not show up, often this is due to us simply missing the proper UPC bar code number for that product.

Companies often add new flavors or change sizes of their products, and this requires them to have a whole new UPC code. In these instances, we ask that people please send us a picture of the UPC and the front of the package so that we can add it to our database.

Many thanks to all those who have done this already. You are helping to keep the site accurate and up-to-date!

Newsletter Notes: Now that coupons are tending to go digital, we are discontinuing our “Offers, Promos and Discount Coupons” section, because there is no longer anything to offer as far as printable coupons through links.



RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

February 15, 2023 – South African Phyllo Dough Date Code Change

“YOSHON BULLETIN #9 24 Shvat 5783 / 15 Feb '23

The Kosher brands of phyllo pastry do not display a production date.

All Kosher phyllo pastry with a *Best Before* date not later than 30 NOV 23 is Yoshon”

To see this in its original form, the Direct Download link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/UOSYoshonUpdate-9-2-15-23.pdf>

(Source: UOS South Africa)



February 15, 2023 – Updated Date Codes for Quaker Oats from Canada

It was brought to our attention that the shelf life times on some packages of Canadian Quaker oats now differ from those in the USA, most likely due to differences in packaging. We therefore removed all of the shelf life times and best by dates from the Canadian entries on Yoshon.com, since these go by the packing dates anyway.

(Source: Montreal Kosher)



January 27, 2023 – Yoshon Cereals List Updated

This updated list is more of a clarification than an update.

Some interesting trivia– back in 1971, Post came out with Pebbles cereals. Aside from the later (non-kosher) version with marshmallows, Pebbles cereals has had no problematic ingredients, making them “Yoshon by default”.

Recently, Post released a new version of Pebbles cereals called “Crunch’d”, which contain oats. Obviously, this version is problematic, and could potentially cause some confusion.

It is on our site, but we had to make the distinction on our Yoshon Cereals List. The Direct Download for the current list is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/YoshonCerealsListUpdated-1-27-23.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS

February 13, 2023 – MK Update on Canadian Establishments

Fully updated list. The Direct Download link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/MKYoshonEstablishmentsList2-13-23.pdf>

(Source: Montreal Kosher)



February 8, 2023 – Sent to the UOS Email List

“YOSHON BULLETIN# 7 17 Shvat 5783 / 8 Feb '23

Please note that as from Thursday 18 Shvat (9 Feb) Bagel Zone will not be Yoshon.”

To see the actual notice, here is the Direct Download link:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/UOSYoshonUpdate-7-2-8-23.pdf>

(Source: UOS of South Africa)



February 6, 2023 – Confirmed: Royo Bread is Yoshon

Royo Bread is now certified as *yoshon* by the CRC with or without a “Yoshon’ label, and will be added to our site in the near future. We just need to get some more information before that can happen.

(Source: Central Rabbinical Congress)



February 2, 2023 – Gefen Noodle Soups Now Have Cutoff Dates!

Previously, Gefen Noodle Soups in Cups and blocks were listed as being *yoshon*, as per the Guide to Chodosh. As things can and do change, we were alerted that both the Gefen Noodle Soups in Cups and blocks now must go by a cutoff date. The new cutoff is the Hebrew date of Tammuz 5782 or earlier. For those wanting a more specific packing date code, it would be 230 22 (August 18, 2022).

TYNI Note: The Gefen Noodle entries were updated on our site already as of the date of this notice.

(Source: Star-K)



February 2, 2023 – Greenfield Noodles Yoshon Supply Exhausted

“GREENFIELD NOODLE CO. has exhausted its stock of Yoshon flour. New product will use Chodosh flour and will not state “Yoshon” next to the expiration date. Product that still states Yoshon is Yoshon.”

TYNI Note: The Greenfield Noodle entries were updated on our site already as of the date of this notice.

(Source: COR Detroit)



January 31, 2023 – Heimisha Lukshon Pasta is Certified Yoshon

“All Pasta products made by Heimisha Lukshen Co. in Spring Valley, N Y are Yoshon under the New Square Beis Din.”

TYNI Note: The Heimisha Lukshon entry was updated on our site already as of the date of this notice.

(Source: New Square Kashrus Council)



January 31, 2023 – Sent to the UOS Email List

“YOSHON BULLETIN# 5 8 Shvat 5783 / 30 Jan '23

Please note that as from Wednesday 10 Shvat (1 Feb) Dee Jay’s will not be Yoshon.”

To see the actual notice, here is the Direct Download link:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/UOSYoshonUpdate-5-1-31-23.pdf>

(Source: UOS of South Africa)



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