



**GENERAL YOSHON NEWS**

*Chodesh Tov!*

**Conflicting Data**

There are some known discrepancies between the *Guide to Chodosh* and our information on Yoshon.com, which are largely due to having two entirely different methods of reporting. Our information now comes directly from the certifying agencies and the companies that oversee the mills and productions. Project Chodosh derives their information for the Guide from general estimates on crop data. We are no longer basing our information on this. We hope this clarifies the reasons behind the differences.



**Figuring Out the Date on Not-Yet Updated Product Entries:**

Although we are still working on getting the entire site updated for the season, inevitable there may be some product entries that are not yet updated. For those products on our website that have not yet been updated, one can easily figure out the date code cutoff, as long as there is a known shelf life.

Look on your product's Additional Information tab for Shelf Life. Take that amount of time and subtract it from your best by date, and you will get the date of manufacturing.

If it is before the general cutoff date for the grain ingredient (or earliest grain if there are more than one) it is *yoshon*. For tools to help with calculations, see the announcement about our website's new Tools page below.

As we continue updating our site, we appreciate your patience!



**November 8, 2023 – OU Kosher Adds Two New Options to Consumer Product Search Website**

The following article is from the OU:

“Dairy Equipment and Yoshon Categories Offered in Response to Community Requests

Of the hundreds of weekly queries OU (Orthodox Union) Kosher fields from consumers via its Kosher Hotline and Webbe Rebbe forum, the most popular centers on Oreo cookies.

‘The most frequently asked shaila in America is whether Oreos are dairy, pareve, or simply made with dairy equipment,’ says OU Kosher Chief Executive Officer Rabbi Menachem Genack. ‘While some Oreos are dairy, others are in fact pareve. But they are all marked OU-D in order to enable the manufacturers to change the formula, should they wish, without having to incur the tremendous costs of altering product labels.’

The Oreo question is particularly meaningful to people who observe Cholov Yisroel, live in smaller Jewish communities devoid of pareve food options, have milk allergies, or simply wish to indulge in these treats following a meat meal...”

To read the full article, use this link:

<https://oukosher.org/blog/feature/ou-kosher-adds-two-new-options-to-consumer-product-search-website/>

(Source: OU)



## October 31, 2023 – New Yoshon Tools Page!

We created a page dedicated to tools that help for keeping *yoshon*. It has access to:

- Listings of the basic general Chodosh Cutoff Dates for the Main Grains/Products
- Superior Julian Date Charts
- Link to the Add/Subtract Date website
- Link to an excellent Julian Date Converter.

The link to the page is this: <https://yoshon.com/tools/>

(Source: TYNI)



## RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

### November 9, 2023 – MK Canadian Most Recent Yoshon Products Update

Full update on Yoshon products and cutoff dates. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/MKYoshonProductList-11-9-23.pdf>

(Source: Montreal Kosher)



### November 3, 2023 – First Update from UOS South Africa for 5784

First update from UOS for the season. This contains products and establishments. The Direct Download Links are below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/UOSYoshonUpdate-11-3-23.pdf>

(Source: UOS)



### November 2, 2023 – Update from Kemach Food Products Corp. for 5784

First update from Kemach for the season. The Direct Download Links are below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/KemachYoshon2024-11-2-23.pdf>

(Source: Kemach Food Products Corp.)



### October 26, 2023 – The Latest General Cutoff Dates Sheet Update

The newly revised General Dates Sheet is now on our site, as well as new Yoshon Cereals and Yoshon Flours Lists. The Direct Download Links are below:

#### General Cutoff Dates Sheet

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/GeneralDatesUpdated-10-26-23.pdf>

#### Yoshon Cereals List:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/YoshonCerealsListUpdated-10-26-23.pdf>

## Yoshon Flours List:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/YoshonFloursListUpdated-10-26-23.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



## October 16, 2023 – Unusually Late Cutoff Date for Cheerios and General Mills Oats

General Mills Oat Date was just released. All of General Mills’ Oats have a *chodosh* cutoff date of an unheard of December 1, 2023 manufacturing date! With a shelf life of 372 days, that makes General Mills Oat-Only cereals like most Cheerios have a Best By cutoff date of 07DEC24.

Our site was updated accordingly.

(Source: TYNI)



## October 8, 2023 – Final Guide from Project Chodosh

The following was sent with the attachment of the *Guide to Chodosh* from their email subscription list:

*“Dear Chodosh Subscribers,*

*Attached is the final Guide to Chodosh for this season. Please disregard all copies sent out earlier as they are no longer current.*

*We are now asking that all those who receive the guide by email or download pay \$25 by going to <https://secure.cardknox.com/chodoshproject> If you already paid for a printed copy, or for a previous version this year, you do not need to pay twice.*

*IF YOU ARE NOT SUBSCRIBED TO THE EMAIL UPDATES, it is essential that you subscribe by sending an email to [chodosh-subscribe@lists.projectgenesis.org](mailto:chodosh-subscribe@lists.projectgenesis.org) This is to make sure that you receive the updates.*

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*Sponsorships are now available by contacting Mrs. Rosskamm directly at [yherman20@gmail.com](mailto:yherman20@gmail.com)*

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*Mrs. Rosskamm”*

The Direct Download Link for the current Guide is below:

<https://yoshon.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/MainGuide2023Complete.pdf>

(Source: Project Chodosh)

**TYNI Note:** As mentioned above in “Conflicting Data”, there have been some discrepancies discovered between our site Yoshon.com and the *Guide to Chodosh* this year. One of these includes products listed in the Guide, (namely, Gefen Ramen Noodle Soups) based on reports from the OU as being *yoshon*, yet we had gotten reports of actual cutoff dates directly from the *mashgiach* in charge of the runs, from Volover Kashrus.

We are currently looking into the discrepancies, and hope to be able to clear them up soon.



## YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS

**November 9, 2023 – MK Canadian Most Recent Yoshon Establishments Update**

Full update. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/MKYoshonEstablishmentUpdate11-9-2023.pdf>

(Source: Montreal Kosher)



## RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS

Nothing to Report.

Kol Tuv,

The TYNI Staff

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