



KOSHER KANSAS CITY IS GROWING! – A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Interest in Kosher continues to grow both locally and across the country. On average, supermarkets in the U.S. carry over 19,000 kosher products. Kosher food companies are growing at a rate of 10-15% annually. Add to that nationally recognized list several new accounts certified by the Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City, including but not limited to The Roasterie, Boulevard Brewing Company, Askinoisie Chocolates, the Date Lady and Hilary's Eat Well.

Besides servicing the food production industry, the Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City supervised kosher dining out events at Princess Gardens, Johnny Brusco's New York Style Pizza, the Hy-Vee at 95th, the Westport Flea Market and Oakwood Country Club this past year. These kinds of events promote all-inclusive activities to be enjoyed by the entire Kansas City community.

The Vaad contributes to kosher food opportunities throughout the area through oversight at the Rams Café, Village Shalom/Rachel's Café and the KC Kosher Meals-on-Wheels program. Behind the scenes, the Vaad supervised numerous weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, and congregational events around the city.

In August, 2013, the 2nd Annual Vaad HaKashruth Kosher BBQ Festival was

held on the grounds of Congregation B'nai Jehudah, with increased attendance, more teams competing, and a Food Network celebrity judge participating. Every congregation in the city was represented through either volunteers or festival goers. Exciting plans are already underway for the 3rd Annual KC Kosher BBQ Festival, set for August 17, 2014 at the Ritz Charles Overland Park. As we approach Passover, proper adherence to the halachot (laws) of Pesach is of primary concern for the Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City and for Jews throughout our community. To help you prepare, you will find listed links to well-researched, highly respected organizations that publish up-to-date Pesach information and guidelines. For further information or special assistance please contact info@vaadkc.org.

Thanks to the support of many individuals and organizations within our community the future of the Vaad HaKashruth of Kansas City looks bright. On behalf of the board of directors, staff and advisors I want to wish you and your families a *kosher un freylakhn Pesach*; a kosher, happy Passover.

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What to Look for On the Package

Look before you leap! In other words, be sure to take a careful look at the product packaging before purchasing. Mistakes are made in grocery stores with products ending up on Passover shelves that don't belong there. Many products that are kosher year round have similar certifications for Passover.

Look carefully before your purchase! Kosher for Passover store stickers found on products should not be assumed to be an accurate indication of Kosher for Passover certification due to possible mislabeling at the store level.

With that in mind, you will find it impossible to cover each and every product which may contain chametz. Shopping for Pesach is a special undertaking requiring care and attention.

Look carefully when purchasing Israeli products as many are labelled Kitniyot, which is acceptable only for those individuals observing Sephardic customs.

One must ascertain that any processed food has been properly supervised and certified by an acceptable kosher supervisory agency or rabbinic authority.

Look for the "P" designation after the hechsher. "P" is for Passover, not pareve.

Calendar of Dates and Times Passover 2014/5774

Deadline for the Vaad to sell your Chametz:	Monday, April 14 th , 10 am
Bedikat (search for) Chametz:	Sunday evening, April 13 th
Ta'anit Bechorim (Fast of the First Born):	Monday, April 14 th
Latest time to eat chametz:	Monday, April 14 th , 10:43 am
Latest time to burn chametz:	Monday, April 14 th , 12:01 am
First Seder: Candle Lighting:	Monday evening, April 14 th 7:34 pm
Second Seder: Candle Lighting:	Tuesday evening, April 15 th 8:35 pm*
First Two Days of Yom Tov:	Tuesday, April 15 th & Wednesday, April 16 th
Chol Hamoed (Intermediate Days):	Thursday April 17 th , through Sunday, April 20 th
Shabbat Chol Hamoed Candle Lighting:	Friday, April 18 th , 7:38 pm
7 th Night Yom Tov: Candle Lighting:	Sunday evening, April 20 th 7:40 pm
8 th Night Yom Tov: Candle Lighting:	Monday evening, April 21 st 8:41 pm*
Yizkor (Memorial Service)	Tuesday morning, April 22 nd
Passover Ends:	Tuesday evening, April 22 nd 8:21pm

**Light from a pre-existing flame
All times listed are Overland Park specific.*

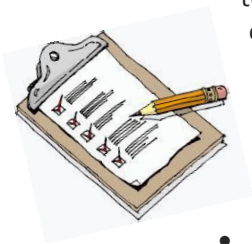


Pre-Pesach Cleaning List

Disposal of Chametz Check List

Did you remember to ...

- ...check your medicine cabinet for sprays, toiletries, and cosmetics including mouthwash, that are not recommended for Passover use?



- ...thoroughly clean and wash the playpen, including padding, as well as the high chair and crib, carriages and strollers, as well as toy boxes?

- ...make certain that your pets are not fed chametz during Passover?
- ...turn your children's pockets inside-out to shake out all the crumbs, see that all family members do the same with their clothes? (Women should also be careful not to leave candy, gum, or chametz cosmetics in their purses.)
- ...thoroughly clean the glove compartment of the car, and vacuum all the surfaces on the inside of the front and the back seats, as well as the trunk?
- ...meticulously clean your kitchen area, stove, cupboards, refrigerator, table top, shelves, sink, etc.?
- ...kasher any utensils or silverware before Monday, April 14th, 2014 at 12:01p.m.?
- ...check the drawers, filing cabinets, etc. in your office, as well as in your house, for chametz you may have forgotten?
- ...replace all vacuum cleaner bags?



*Text courtesy of the
Chicago Rabbinical
Council*

Items That Are Acceptable Without Passover Certification

Aluminum products:

Foil and pans all are acceptable without Passover certification.

Charcoal:

Acceptable without Passover certification
Cocoa Powder: if 100% Pure and not processed in Europe (All Hershey's are acceptable)

Coffee:

Beans which are plain, unflavored, and not decaffeinated do not require certification, but the grinder must be clean instant, flavored or decaffeinated coffee requires certification.
K-cups require certification.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil (unflavored):

Acceptable without Passover certification.

Extra Virgin Coconut Oil:

Spectrum Brand is Acceptable with a plain OU.

Milk:

Should have Kosher for Passover Certification, if there is none available regular milk may be purchased prior to Passover.

Meat:

Any fresh or frozen in the original packaging are acceptable unless its ground and then it would need a Kosher for Passover symbol.

Plastic Wrap:

Acceptable without Passover certification.

Plastic and paper plates:

Acceptable without Passover certification.

Salmon (and other kosher skin on fish):

Fresh is acceptable however canned, frozen or processed needs Passover certification.

Salt:

Acceptable without Iodine or other additives.

You Don't Need To Go Far To Shop for Passover in the Kansas City Area

An ample selection of Kosher-for-Passover items can be found around the Greater Kansas City metro area.

Hen House – 11721 Roe Avenue, Leawood, KS - (913) 338-0600

Large number of packaged items, fresh and frozen meat, poultry, milk and other dairy products

Trader Joe's - 4201 West 119th Street, Leawood, KS - (913) 327-7209

Large number of packaged items, fresh and frozen meat and poultry, milk and other dairy products

Price Chopper - 1030 West 103rd Street, Kansas City, MO - (816) 942-4200

Large selection of packaged items, plus milk and other dairy products

Hy-Vee - 8501 West 95th Street, Overland Park, KS - (913) 894-1983

Large number of packaged items, fresh and frozen meat, poultry, milk and other dairy products

Costco - 12221 Blue Valley Pkwy, Overland Park, KS - (913) 217-2053

Fresh meat, poultry, and cheese, in addition to a limited number of packaged items

Cosentino's Brookside Market - 14 West 62nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO - (816) 523-3700

Selection of packaged items

Hen House Market at Corinth - 4050 West 83rd Street, Prairie Village, KS - (913) 648-1441

Selection of packaged items

Links to Comprehensive Online Passover Guides

Chicago Rabbinical Council – “The largest regional Orthodox organization in North America... offering a wide variety of Jewish services including kosher product supervision and kosher certification (kosher approval for products).”

<http://www.crcweb.org/Passover2014.php>

Star-K – “...just about everything you can imagine about the world of Kosher...”

<http://www.star-k.org/cons-pesach.htm>

<http://www.star-k.org/cons-pesach-brief.htm>

Orthodox Union – “The World’s Most Recognized and Trusted Kosher Certification - For over 80 years, the Orthodox Union has set the bar for the highest standards of kosher certification.”

<http://oukosher.org/passover/passover-guide/>

Kashrut.com - “The Premier Kosher Information Source on the Internet”

<http://www.kashrut.com/Passover/>

Delegation of Power of Attorney For Sale of Chametz (Leavened Products)

I, _____, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Daniel Rockoff of Congregation Beth Israel Abraham & Voliner, 9900 Antioch Rd, Overland Park, KS 66212, to act on my behalf to sell 1) all *chametz* possessed by me (knowingly, or unknowingly) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law (e.g. doubt of *chametz*, and *chametz* mixtures), 2) any *chametz* that adheres to the surface of pans, pots, or cooking and usable utensils or mixtures thereof.

Home 1 Address: _____

Where in the home will this Chametz be found?

- Kitchen _____
- Garage _____
- Basement _____
- Bathroom _____
- Other _____

What is the approximate value of the Chametz? _____

Home 2 Address (if applicable)

_____ approx. value _____

Business Address (if applicable)

_____ approx. value _____

Rabbi Rockoff has the full right to sell and lease by transactions, as he deems fit for such time that he believes necessary as explained in the general authorization contract to sell the *Chametz*.

Also, I hereby give the said Rabbi Rockoff full power and authority to appoint a substitute with full power to sell and lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all Torah and Rabbinic regulations and laws and also in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas and the United States. And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Signature _____

Phone: _____

_____ I will be home for Pesach

_____ I will be away for Pesach. Time zone in which you will be located: _____

The key to my home will be left with:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____