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Adas (Chofetz Chaim Adas Bnei Israel) Rabbi Shlomo Naiman	6:10 PM
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Congregation Avodas Yisroel Rabbi Moshe Tesser	5:15 PM
Congregation Chofetz Chaim – Talmudical Academy Rabbi Shraga Hershkowitz	
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Darchei Tzedek Congregation Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz	5:00 PM
Greenspring Sephardic Center Rabbi Yehuda Khoshkeraman	5:00 PM (English)
Kehilas Kol Torah Rabbi Yosef Berger	5:00 PM
Kehilath B'nai Torah Rabbi Jonathan Aryeh Seidemann	5:15 PM
Khal Ahavas Yisroel/Tzemach Tzedek Rabbi Dovid HeberFor Women: 4:30-5:15 PM / For Men: 5:30 PM
Machzikei Torah Congregation Rabbi Nesanel Kosterlitz	Before Mussaf
Mercaz Torah U'Tefillah Rav Yissochar EichensteinDuring Davening
Ner Tamid Greenspring Valley Synagogue Rabbi Sruli Motzen	A) Shabbos morning 'Four Sons and their Questions' Part 1 of 4 approximately 10:45 AM
	B) Exploring the Meaning of the haggadah
	6:10 PM
Ohel Moshe Rabbi Zvi Teichman	
Ohel Yakov Rabbi Peretz DinovitzBefore Musaf
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The Shul At Lubavitch Center Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan	5:45 PM
Tiferes Yisroel Rabbi Menachem Goldberger	5:15 PM
Winands Road Synagogue Rabbi Shalom Salfer	



The Chesed Fund and Project Ezra invite
the entire community to the



Annual Baltimore



Pimlico Race Course Clubhouse Parking Lot

See Driving Directions Below

Friday, April 3, 2015 | 6:30 - 11:30 am

Suggested Donation: \$4

Proceeds after Expenses will be Donated to Ahavas Yisrael Charity Fund

UNOPENED CONTAINERS OF UNEXPIRED CHOMETZ

will be collected by Park Heights Renaissance to distribute to needy families in Southern Park Heights. Approved by Rabbi Moshe Heinemann.

FOOD TRASH ONLY! *Please be considerate; burn chometz, not plastic. If you wish to burn wrapped chometz, wrap it in paper bags - not plastic, not styrofoam, not aluminum foil. When plastic burns, it releases toxins which harm those present and the environment.*

CLOSED CANS AND BOTTLES CAN EXPLODE *when placed in the fire. You must put them in the provided dumpsters.*

PLEASE RECYCLE. *Designated dumpsters will be available.*

BULK TRASH, *such as furniture, appliances, etc., will not be accepted. Food garbage can be placed in our dumpsters. See the back of this flyer for bulk trash disposal.*

Easy Directions to Pimlico Race Course Clubhouse Parking Lot:

1. Head southeast down Park Heights Avenue, passing the Park Heights JCC on your right.
2. Proceed through the intersection at Northern Parkway, and continue through the intersection at West Rogers Avenue.
3. Make a left at the next light, onto Hayward Avenue.
4. Make the next right at Maple Avenue, into the Pimlico Parking Lot.

**This event is sponsored in memory of Fred A. Schlossberg ע"ה,
and Bernard & Ruth Schwartz ע"ה**

PLEASE TURN OVER ↻

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the **STAR-K** and **MRS. PESI HERSKOVITZ** for sponsoring and publicizing the community Chometz Burning from 1982-2014.

Heartfelt thanks to **DR. BERT MILLER** for originating the community Chometz Burning, and for managing it since 1982. We appreciate his continuing dedication, and the assistance of his staff, to the safe performance of this mitzvah every year.

Special thanks to **THE CHOMETZ BURNING COORDINATORS**.

Thanks to **THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** which support and participate in our programs.

Thank you to **DAVID EHRENFELD** and **NORTHWEST REFUSE** for their help in this endeavor.

Thanks to **FRANK & DANIELLE SARAH STORCH** whose Project Ezra and Chesed Fund organizations help so many in our community and beyond.

We appreciate the efforts of our partners in the coordination of The Annual Chometz Burning :

Baltimore Council President **BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG** and **BETSY GARDNER**, Neighborhood Liaison/City-Wide Jewish Community Liaison

Baltimore City Fire Chief **NILES R. FORD**, and the **BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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CHAI: Comprehensive Housing Assistance Inc. - **MITCHELL POSNER**, Executive Director, and **JOANN LEVY**, Director of Neighborhood Development, and **KRIS BURNETT**, Director of Community Organizing



Free Bulk Trash Drop-Off Locations:



Since only chometz can be disposed of at the Chometz Burning, please bring all your bulk trash to the location provided by your district.

You must provide ID to dispose of bulk trash at either location because these services are provided only to residents of their districts.

Baltimore City Residents:

Northwest Transfer Station

5030 Reisterstown Road
Baltimore, MD 21215
410-396-2706 • Mon. - Sat., 7 am - 3 pm

Going down Reisterstown Road with Tov Pizza on your left, cross Northern Parkway and continue three lights down until Garrison Ave. Immediately after the light, turn right into a driveway marked "5030" with big green gates. Follow this driveway directly to the transfer station to dispose of your trash.

-10-15 minutes from Pikesville

City Residents can also call 311 for information about monthly bulk trash pickup.

Baltimore County Residents:

Central Acceptance Facility

201 West Warren Road • Cockeysville MD 21030
410-887-2000 • Mon. - Sat., 7 am - 4 pm

Take 695 N towards Towson. Get off at exit 24, I-83 N towards Timonium. Get off at exit 18, Warren Road/Cockeysville, and go approximately one mile, passing the Park and Ride on your left. Proceed through the first light (Beaver Dam Road) and go approximately 1/4 mile to the first right, which has a green sign stating "Baltimore County Residents' Drop Off Center." Follow the road to enter the facility and dispose of your trash. Note: Some map programs will inaccurately show this address on the east side of York Road. -15 to 20 minutes from Pikesville



PLEASE TURN OVER ➔

Yeshivas Bain Hazmanim:

AGUDAH GREENSPRING

Every day of Chol HaMoed, 8:00 Shacharis followed by BYOM (Bring Your Own Matza) Breakfast and an hour Learning Program.

BALTIMORE COMMUNITY KOLEL

Bain Hazmanim open Bais Medrash with food and coffee available.

KEHILATH B'NAI TORAH

Bain Hazmanim Program begins Friday erev Shabbos Hagadol through the entire following week.

Shacharis 9:00 am, followed by a hot fresh breakfast in the Social Hall.

Learning in the Bais Medrash until 11:00 am, followed by a daily shiur until 11:30 a.m. by noted magedai shiur in inyanai Pesach.

Chol Ha Moed Bais Medrash, hot breakfast is served in the Social Hall after the 8:00 am minyan, learning follows in the Bais Medrash.

The Chol Homed Bais Medrash is sponsored by the Isbee Family in memory of R' Elozer Isbee ZT"L.

MERCAZ TORAH U'TEFILLAH

HaRav Yissocher Dov Eichenstein, shlita
6500 Baythorne Road

Being led personally by Rabbeim from the 3 local Yeshivos

Mashgiach of Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim
Rabbi Shraga Herskowitz, *shlita*

Menahel of Mesivta D'Baltimore
Rabbi Shaul Sinsky, *shlita*

Menahel Ruchni of Mechinat Ner Yisrael
Rabbi Simcha Cook, *shlita*

Daily Schedule - 9 Nissan March 29th - 24 Nissan April 13th

9:00 Shacharis | 9:45 Breakfast | Seder to follow breakfast until noon

10:15 AM optional daily shiur, until erev yom tov, given by Rabbi Simcha cook on Inyanai HaChag

11:15 – 11:45 AM optional Halacha Shiur for world-wide Dirshu program participants by Rabbi Yosaif Aryeh Schachter

For more information: Rabbi Shaul Sinsky 410.591.3095

Yarchei Kallah

Baalei Batim – Avreichim – Bachurim

Being led by leading Roshei Yeshivos & Maggidei Shiur

Monday, First Day Chol Hamoed | Harav Tzvi Einstadter, *Shlita*

Tuesday, Second Day Chol Hamoed | Harav Dovid Rosenbaum, *Shlita*

Wednesday, Third Day Chol Hamoed | Harav Shaul Sinsky, *Shlita*

Thursday, Fourth Day Chol Hamoed | Harav Avromi Hendler, *Shlita*

Chol Hamoed Schedule

Shacharis (Mon-Thurs) 6:15, 7:05, 7:35, 8:20 and 9:00 a.m. | (Sunday) 7:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:00 a.m.

10:00 Breakfast

10:30-11:00 a.m. optional Halacha Shiur for world-wide Dirshu Halacha program participants by Rabbi Y.A. Schachter

11:15a.m.-12:00 p.m. Daily Shiur

For more information: Rabbi Shaul Sinsky 410.591.3095

OHR HAMIZRACH

Yeshiva Bain Hazmanim - learning every day of Chol HaMoaid at 9:30am in Ohr Hamizrach with breakfast

Hag'alas Kailim

Please do not use items for 24 hours prior to hagalah

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 / 9 NISSAN

Agudah Park Heights

9:30 - 10:30 AM (10 items or less)

10:30 - Noon (unlimited number of items)

Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion

8:30 - 11:00 AM | Main floor kitchen

Shearith Israel

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Zmanim Thursday April 2 (*Bedikas Chometz*) through April 11 (*Acharon Shel Pesach*)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015 / 13 NISSAN

Bedikas Chometz: Anytime after 8:22 PM PM (Tzais)

(See below for bracha and nighttime Kol Chamira)

Last night for Kiddush Levanah (Last time for Kiddush Levanah is 12:44 AM Shabbos/ First Day Yom Tov, April 4th - Kiddush Levanah may only be said at night)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015 EREV YOM TOV - 14 NISSAN

Erev Pesach

Biyur Chometz: Pimlico Race Course, Clubhouse Parking Lot, 6:30–11:30 a.m.

(See below for more info including daytime Kol Chamira)

Last Time Eating Chometz: 10:29 AM

Last time to Burn Chometz: 11:42 AM

Chatzos: 1:10 PM

Hadlakas Nairo: 7:14 PM

Shkiah: 7:32:23 PM

Tzais: 8:23/8:45 PM

Eat Afikomen by: 1:10 AM (Shabbos morning April 4)

SHABBOS, APRIL 4, 2015 YOM TOV 15 NISSAN

1st Day Pesach

Naitz: 6:46:55 AM

Sof zman krias shema: 9:22/9:58 AM

Chatzos: 1:10 PM

Shkiah: 7:33:22 PM

Tzais: 8:24/8:46 PM

Hadlakas neiros: 8:46 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 1

Eat Afikomen by: 1:10 AM (Sunday morning April 4)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015 YOM TOV 16 NISSAN

2nd Day Pesach • Omer Day 1

Naitz: 6:45:22 AM

Sof zman krias shema: 9:21/9:57 AM

Chatzos: 1:10 PM

Shkiah: 7:34:21 PM

Tzais: 8:25/8:47 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 2

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 CHOL HAMOAID 17 NISSAN

1st day Chol Hamoed Pesach • Omer Day 2

Naitz: 6:43:48 AM

Sof zman krias shema: 9:20/9:56 AM

Chatzos: 1:10 PM

Shkiah: 7:35:20 PM

Tzais: 8:26 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 3

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 CHOL HAMOAID 18 NISSAN

2nd day Chol Hamoed Pesach • Omer Day 3

Naitz: 6:42:15 AM

Sof zman krias shema: 9:16/9:55 AM

Chatzos: 1:09 PM

Shkiah: 7:36:19 PM

Tzais: 8:27 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015 CHOL HAMOAID 19 NISSAN

3rd Day Chol Hamoed Pesach • Omer Day 4

Tekufas Nissan 6:00 AM

Naitz: 6:40:43 AM

Sof zman krias shema: 9:18/9:54 AM

Chatzos: 1:09 PM

Shkiah: 7:37:18 PM

Tzais: 8:28 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 5

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015 CHOL HAMOAID 20 NISSAN

Erev Yom Tov 4th day Chol Hamoed Pesach • Omer Day 5

ERUV TAVSHILIN TODAY

Naitz: 6:39:11 AM

Sof zman krias shema: 9:17/9:53 AM

Chatzos: 1:09 PM

ERUV TAVSHILIN

Hadlakos nairo: 7:20 PM

Shkiah: 7:38:17 PM

Tzais: 8:29/8:51 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 6

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015 YOM TOV/EREV SHABBOS 21 NISSAN

7th Day of Pesach • Omer Day 6

Naitz: 6:37:40 AM

Sof zman krias shema: 9:17/9:53 AM

Chatzos: 1:08 PM

Hadlakos Nairo: 7:21 PM

Shkiah: 7:39:16 PM

Tzais: 8:30/8:52 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 7

SHABBOS, APRIL 11, 2015 YOM TOV/SHABBOS 22 NISSAN

8th Day of Pesach • Omer Day 7

Naitz: 6:36:09 AM

Sof zman krias shema: 9:16/9:52 AM

Chatzos: 1:08 PM

Shkiah: 7:40:15 PM

Tzais: 8:31/8:53 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 8

BEDIKAS CHOMETZ (Night)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוֵּנוּ עַל בְּעוֹר חֻמֵץ.

Blessed are You, Hashem, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us concerning the removal of the chametz.

כָּל חֻמֵץ וְחֻמֵץ דְּאֵכָא בְּרִשׁוּתִי, דְּלֵא חֻמֵץ וְדֵלֵא בְּעֵרְתָּהּ וְדֵלֵא יְדַעְנָא לָהּ, לְבָטֵל וְלֵהוּי הִפְקָר
כְּעֵפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.

Any chametz or leaven that is in my possession which I have not seen, have not removed and do not know about, should be annulled and become ownerless, like dust of the earth.

BIYUR CHOMETZ (Day)

כָּל חֻמֵץ וְחֻמֵץ דְּאֵכָא בְּרִשׁוּתִי, וְחֻמֵץ וְדֵלֵא חֻמֵץ, וְחֻמֵץ וְדֵלֵא חֻמֵץ, דְּבִעַרְתָּהּ וְדֵלֵא
בְּעֵרְתָּהּ, לְבָטֵל וְלֵהוּי הִפְקָר כְּעֵפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.

Any chametz or leaven that is in my possession, whether I have recognized it or not, whether I have seen it or not, whether I have removed it or not, should be annulled and become ownerless, like dust of the earth.

A GUIDE TO PURCHASING *CHOMETZ* AFTER *PESACH*

Rabbi Mordechai Frankel, Director, The Institute of Halacha at the STAR-K

A JEWISH-OWNED STORE THAT DID NOT SELL ITS *CHOMETZ* TO A NON-JEW FOR *PESACH*

The Torah forbids a Jew to own *chometz* on *Pesach*. In order to dissuade people from owning *chometz* on *Pesach*, there is a rabbinic injunction not to eat or benefit after *Pesach* from *chometz* which was owned by a Jew during *Pesach*. Such *chometz* is known as *chometz sheovar olov haPesach*, and it remains forbidden permanently.¹

For this reason, one should not buy *chometz* from a Jewish-owned store immediately after *Pesach*, unless the owner sold all *chometz* that he owned before *Pesach* to a non-Jew for the duration of *Pesach*, and did not acquire any further *chometz* during *Pesach*. The laws of *mechiras chometz* (selling *chometz* to a gentile for *Pesach*) are complex, therefore the sale must be made by a competent rabbi or *kashrus* authority.

If a Jewish-owned store did not sell its *chometz* for *Pesach*, may one buy *chometz* from that store a few weeks after *Pesach*? It is difficult for the consumer to ascertain whether the *chometz* was in the store on *Pesach* and is therefore forbidden, or whether it came into the store after *Pesach* and is permitted. Since *chometz sheovar olov haPesach* is a rabbinic injunction, one can be lenient if there is a reasonable doubt as to whether or not the *chometz* was in the store on *Pesach*. (This is because we apply the principle that “*safek derabbanan lekula*” – we are lenient when it is uncertain whether or not a rabbinic restriction applies).²

Supermarkets generally have a two week turnaround time. It should be assumed that all *chometz* sold in the two weeks after *Pesach* was already in the store on *Pesach*. Other stores, especially smaller ones, may have a longer turnaround time. The turnaround time for alcoholic beverages is longer than that of products in supermarkets. Liquor stores generally maintain inventory for six or seven weeks. One should wait until after *Shavuos* before purchasing liquor from such a store.

A JEWISH-OWNED STORE THAT SOLD ITS *CHOMETZ* TO A NON-JEW FOR *PESACH*

As mentioned above, a Jew who owns a store can sell his *chometz* to a non-Jew for the duration of *Pesach*. If the Jew is observant and does not sell *chometz* to customers during *Pesach*, there is no doubt that he really intended to sell his *chometz* to the non-Jew before *Pesach*. However, if the owner is not observant and does not close his store for *Pesach*, it can be argued that he considers the sale of *chometz* to be a legal fiction and does not have real intent to sell the *chometz*. Nevertheless, *Rav Moshe Feinstein zt”l paskens* that, *bedieved*, the sale is valid because legally the *chometz* no longer belongs to him.³ However, other *Poskim* are stringent.⁴ Even *Rav Moshe* agrees that *chometz* that the Jewish owner purchased during *Pesach* is not included in the sale and cannot be eaten after *Pesach*.

A STORE OWNED BY A NON-JEW OR BY A PERSON THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE JEWISH

If a privately-held store is owned by a non-Jew, one may buy *chometz* from that store immediately after *Pesach*. However, a consumer may not know whether the owner is Jewish or non-Jewish. If the store is located in an area where the majority of people are non-Jews, he may assume that the owner is not Jewish. Unfortunately, even if the owner has a Jewish sounding name, the rate of intermarriage in America is such that the name may no longer provide an indication as to whether or not the person is Jewish.

Some food stores are owned by a number of partners, or by shareholders who each have stock in the company. If non-Jewish partners or shareholders own a majority of the business, there is no concern of *chometz sheovar olov haPesach*.⁵ To

1 Mishna Berura 448:25.

2 See *Igros Moshe* O.C. 4:96, which distinguishes between small and large Jewish-owned stores.

3 *Igros Moshe* O.C. 1:149, 2:91, 4:95.

4 *Maharam Shick* O.C. 205, *Sdei Chemed* vol. 7 page 352.

5 *Zeicher Yitzchok siman* 8.

the best of our knowledge, the following are currently some of the supermarkets which are majority owned by non-Jews, and *chometz* may be bought from them immediately after *Pesach*: **BJs, Costco, CVS, Food Lion, K-Mart, Kroger, Mars, Petco, Petsmart, Rite-Aid, Royal Farms, Sam's Club, Save-A-Lot, Shoppers, Trader Joe's, Walgreens, Walmart, Wegmans, and Whole Foods.**

A STORE WHICH RECEIVES *CHOMETZ* FROM A JEWISH DISTRIBUTOR

How does a supermarket get the food that it sells? A distributor brings the food from the manufacturer to a warehouse, from where it is sent to individual supermarkets. If the distributor is Jewish, and he owned the *chometz* during *Pesach*, that food would be forbidden after *Pesach*. Even if the supermarket is owned by non-Jews, the food would still be forbidden after *Pesach*, as it was owned by a Jew during *Pesach*.

C&S Wholesale Grocers is a wholesale distributor of food and grocery store items. It is a privately held company, and is the largest wholesale grocery supply company in the United States. It currently serves about 5,000 stores in 15 states (including California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania). Its customers include Safeway, Target, A&P, Stop & Shop, Giants, Ralphs, Foodtown, and Winn-Dixie. However, the STAR-K does not have information as to which specific products are distributed by C&S, nor which specific stores are serviced by them.

The company was founded in 1918 by Israel Cohen and Abraham Siegel. Rick Cohen is the current chairman and CFO, and is the third generation of the family to lead the company. It is assumed that he is Jewish. In the past, a prominent rabbi arranged a *mechiras chometz* for C&S distributors. However, as mentioned above, according to *Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l* this sale would not include the *chometz* that C&S acquired during *Pesach*. Recently, another prominent *Posek* has been selling the entire company to a non-Jew for the duration of *Pesach*, so that any *chometz* bought during *Pesach* would also belong to that non-Jew. While this sale is to be welcomed, it is not without *halachic* difficulties, and some feel that the sale of a multi-million dollar corporation for the duration of *Pesach* is halachically questionable.

Stores which receive goods from C&S may also work with other non-Jewish distributors, and it is very difficult to determine whether any particular product was distributed by C&S or by another company. As mentioned above, *safeik chometz sheovar olov haPesach* is permitted, and this would include goods which may or may not have been owned by C&S during *Pesach*. However, if a person has the option of shopping at a store which does not receive goods from a Jewish distributor that may have owned *chometz* on *Pesach*, it is commendable to do so until four weeks after *Pesach*.⁶

There are more than 35,000 supermarkets in America, and it is not possible to know who owns them or distributes to every one of them. A local Orthodox rabbi should be consulted for guidance regarding local stores and supermarkets, as well as resolution of any *halachic* issues.

A&L Foods is a Jewish-owned distributor of kosher food which distributes to Giant, Target and Safeway in Baltimore. A&L Foods sells their *chometz* to a non-Jew through the STAR-K. For this reason, the following *chometz* products may be purchased immediately after *Pesach* in Baltimore: **Giant**- Section labeled "Kosher Foods": Dry, frozen, refrigerated. **Target**- Section labeled "Kosher Foods": Dry, frozen. **Safeway** - Section labeled "Kosher Foods": Frozen foods only.

BUYING BOURBON

The Sazerac Company is a privately held alcoholic beverages company, and is the largest distilling company in the United States. Although it produces a variety of alcoholic drinks, the primary focus of its business is bourbon. Although there is some discussion in the *Poskim*, the general consensus is that the prohibition of *chometz sheovar olov haPesach* applies to bourbon. To the best of our knowledge, William Goldring, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sazerac Company is Jewish. Although the Sazerac Company recently began selling some of its *chometz* for *Pesach*, it will be eight to ten years before that bourbon comes to market. The Sazerac Company ages bourbon for years before selling it, so all their bourbon should currently be considered *chometz sheovar olov haPesach* and is not recommended year-round.⁷

⁶ Heard from Rabbi Heinemann *shlit"l*

⁷ A list of their products can be found at <http://www.sazerac.com/BrandPortfolio.aspx?NBid=1>

CHOMETZ AFTER PESACH CHART

Rabbi Dovid Heber, STAR-K Kashrus Administrator

The following chart offers guidelines for products that are חמץ שעבר עליו הפסח (שעה"פ). "Yes" next to a product indicates the product is subject to the *halachos* of שעה"פ. Following *Pesach*, one may purchase these products only from a Jewish owned store that properly sold its *chometz*, or from a store owned by a gentile. "No" next to a product indicates the product is not subject to the *halachos* of שעה"פ. These products may be purchased at any store after *Pesach*.

PRODUCT	חמץ שעבר עליו הפסח?
Barley (if pearled, raw and packaged)	No
Beer	Yes
Bread /Cake/Cookies	Yes
Cereal with primary ingredient of wheat, oats or barley	Yes
<i>Chometz</i> content is more than a <i>k'zayis</i> .	Yes
<i>Chometz</i> content in entire package is less than a <i>k'zayis</i> but is greater than 1/60 of the cooked product (e.g., Corn Flakes cereal)	Yes
<i>Chometz</i> content in entire package is less than a <i>k'zayis</i> but is greater than 1/60 of the uncooked product	No
<i>Chometz</i> content is less than 1/60 of the product	No
<i>Chometz Nokshe</i> (e.g., <i>chometz</i> glue)	Yes
Condiments containing vinegar (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, pickles)	No
Cookies	Yes
Cosmetics	No
Detergents	No
Extracts	No
Flour (including flour that contains whole wheat flour or malted barley)	No
Food Coloring	No
Ketchup	No
<i>Kitniyos</i>	No
Malt flavoring (in product)	Yes
Maltodextrin	No
Maltose (in product)	Yes
Mayonnaise	No
Medicine containing <i>chometz</i>	No
Modified food starch (from unknown source)	No
Mustard	No
Oatmeal (Instant, Regular, Baby)	Yes
Pasta	Yes
Pickles	No
Pretzels	Yes
Processed on <i>chometz</i> equipment with no <i>chometz</i> content in product (if it was not known to have been processed on <i>Pesach</i>)	No
Products non-edible even for canine consumption	No
Rolled Oats	Yes
Soy Sauce (containing wheat)	Yes
Vanillin and Ethyl Vanillin	No
Vinegar (from unknown sources)	No
Vitamins containing <i>chometz</i>	No
Wheat germ	Yes
Wheat gluten or Wheat protein (unknown amount in product)	Yes
Whiskey	Yes
Yeast (Baker's)	No
Yeast extract	No

STORES WHERE *CHOMETZ* MAY BE PURCHASED IMMEDIATELY AFTER *PESACH* 2015

ALL STAR-K ESTABLISHMENTS

ALL STAR-D ESTABLISHMENTS

STORES IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA

7-11 Fords Lane, Hooks Lane, Old Court Road, Reisterstown Road- north of Slade Ave
A-Z Savings 6307 Reisterstown Road
BJ's
Costco
CVS
Dugan's Liquor
Dunkin Donuts 1508 & 7000 Reisterstown Road
Earth Origins Market

Food Lion
K-Mart
Mars
Petco
Petsmart
Rite-Aid
Royal Farms
Sam's Discount Warehouse
Save-A-Lot

Savings Center 4003 Seven Mile Lane
Seven Mile Market
Shoppers Food Warehouse
Shoprite 37 W. Aylesbury Road, Timonium
Trader Joe's
Village Liquors
Walgreens
Walmart
Whole Foods

CONSUMERS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES SHOULD CHECK WITH THEIR LOCAL
VAAD HAKASHRUS FOR REGIONAL STORE INFORMATION.

WHEN *CHOMETZ* MAY BE PURCHASED AFTER *PESACH* 2015

MAJOR JEWISH OWNED SUPERMARKETS THAT DO NOT SELL THEIR *CHOMETZ*

Sunday, April 26, 2015 (2 weeks after Pesach)

SUPERMARKETS THAT PURCHASE FROM JEWISH OWNED DISTRIBUTORS THAT DO NOT SELL THEIR *CHOMETZ*

Sunday, May 10, 2015 (4 weeks after Pesach)

JEWISH OWNED LIQUOR STORES THAT DO NOT SELL THEIR *CHOMETZ*

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 (after Shavuot)

BALTIMORE DISTIBUTOR INFORMATION

A&L FOODS DISTRIBUTOR OF KOSHER FOODS (to Giant, Target, and Safeway in Baltimore) sells their *chometz* through the STAR-K. The following *chometz* products may be purchased from these stores immediately after *Pesach* as follows:

- **GIANT**- Section Labeled KOSHER FOODS: Dry, Frozen, Refrigerated
- **TARGET**- Section Labeled KOSHER FOODS: Dry, Frozen
- **SAFEGWAY**- Section Labeled KOSHER FOODS: Frozen Foods ONLY

Chometz found in the remainder of these supermarkets are possibly purchased from a Jewish distributor. Therefore, *chometz* may not be purchased from these stores until four weeks after *Pesach*. One may purchase *chometz* from these stores beginning on the Sunday after *Lag B'omer*, May 10th, 2015.

We do not have information regarding these stores in other parts of the country.