

PIMLICO RACE COURSE

Clubhouse Parking Lot

ENTRANCE ONLY FROM HAYWARD AVENUE

3 Blocks East of Park Heights Avenue

Monday, April 14, 2014

between 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Closed cans or bottles will not be accepted to avoid the hazard of explosion. Please be considerate by burning chometz, not plastic. Dumpsters will be provided for large amounts of chometz. Also, please do not abuse this service by bringing excessive amounts of chometz or trash.

RECYCLING is encouraged. Designated dumpsters are available on-site.

NO BULK TRASH (non-food related) will be permitted.

After chometz is burned, Kol Chamira is recited.

GUIDE TO PURCHASING CHOMETZ AFTER PESACH

There is a *rabbinic* injunction not to eat or benefit from חמץ שעבר עליו הפסח (henceforth abbreviated חמץ שעה"פ), chometz that was in the possession of a Jew during Pesach. Therefore, after *Pesach* consumers must ascertain that the *chometz* they purchase was not in the possession of a Jew during *Pesach*. *Chometz* may be purchased from a store that is owned by a gentile. According to *Hilchos Pesach*, a store is considered gentile owned if the gentile owns more than half of the store.

In a corporation, at least 51% of the voting stock must be owned by gentiles, otherwise the *chometz* becomes חמץ שעה"פ.

Chometz may be purchased from a Jewish owned store whose owner properly sold the *chometz* before *Pesach* (e.g., STAR-K certified Jewish owned facilities). A proper sale means the *chometz* is sold to a gentile (through one's *rav*) and put away in a designated enclosed area throughout *Pesach*. A *rav* should be consulted regarding stores that sell their *chometz* before *Pesach*, yet continue to purchase new *chometz* during *Pesach* or allow customers to purchase the *chometz* from their store during *Pesach*.

If there is a reasonable doubt as to whether a product was in the possession of a Jew during *Pesach*, it may be purchased after *Pesach*. For example, one may purchase pizza crusts with a reliable kosher certification from a gentile owned store, even though the *chometz* may have been owned by a Jewish distributor during *Pesach*, who in turn sold the pizza crusts to this store (ספק דרבנן לקולא). This prohibition applies only when one is certain that a Jew owned it during *Pesach*, or where there is a strong reason to suspect חמץ שעה"פ. One should check with his local *Vaad HaKashrus* to determine the status of local Jewish distributors and their possible impact upon חמץ שעה"פ.

It is important to note that products found in major supermarkets have a two-week turnaround time. This means that if one finds חמץ גמור more than two weeks after *Pesach* in a Jewish owned store that did not sell its *chometz*, he may assume the store acquired the product after *Pesach* and there is no problem of חמץ שעה"פ (unless there is a known problem with a Jewish distributor who does not sell his *chometz*). Products found in smaller "Mom & Pop" shops may have remained on the shelf for a longer period of time, and clarification of turnaround time for such a particular store must be ascertained.

The turnaround time for alcoholic beverages at liquor stores is longer than that of products in supermarkets. Popular liquor stores generally maintain inventory for about six weeks. A prudent person should wait until after *Shavuos* before buying liquor from a store that has an issue with חמץ שעה"פ. At that time, one can assume all inventory arrived after *Pesach*.

If one accidentally purchases חמץ גמור immediately after *Pesach* from a store that sells חמץ שעה"פ, he may not derive benefit from that *chometz*. However, one may return it for a refund since the sale is considered a *mekach tעות*, a mistaken sale; returning the product does not constitute deriving benefit.

The following chart offers guidelines for products that are חמץ שעה"פ. "Yes" next to a product indicates the product is subject to the *halachos* of חמץ 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 חמץ שעה"פ. These products may be purchased at any store after *Pesach*.

CHOMETZ AFTER PESACH CHART

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 $\frac{1}{60}$ 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 $\frac{1}{60}$ of the uncooked product	No
<i>Chometz</i> content is less than $\frac{1}{60}$ 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 malted barley and whole wheat flour)	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* 2014

ALL STAR-K ESTABLISHMENTS

ALL STAR-D ESTABLISHMENTS

NATIONAL STORES

BJ's	CVS
Costco	Food Lion
K-Mart	Mars
Petco	Petsmart
Rite-Aid	Royal Farms
Sam's Discount Warehouse	Shoppers Food Warehouse
Save-A-Lot	Trader Joe's
Walmart	Walgreens
Wegman's	Winn-Dixie

STORES IN BALTIMORE, MD

A-Z Savings (6307 Reisterstown Road)
Dugan's Liquor
Dunkin Donuts (1508 & 7000 Reisterstown Road)
Earth Origins Market
7-11 (Fords Ln, Hooks Lane, Old Court Road, Reisterstown Road. north of Slade Ave)
Savings Center (4003 Seven Mile Lane)
Seven Mile Market
Shoprite (37 W. Aylesbury Road, Timonium)
Village Liquors

WHEN *CHOMETZ* MAY BE PURCHASED AFTER *PESACH* 2014

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

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 (2 weeks after Pesach)

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2014 (4 weeks after Pesach)

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

Friday, June 6, 2014 (after Shavuot)

BALTIMORE DISTRIBUTOR 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
- **SAFEWAY**- 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 Wednesday after Lag B'omer, May 21st, 2014. We do not have any information regarding these stores in other parts of the country.