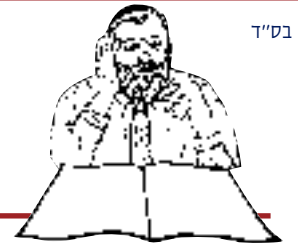


THE Daf HaKASHRUS



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE  RABBINIC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION TO THE DAF HAKASHRUS READERSHIP

During the past fifteen years, we have been distributing The Daf HaKashrus more and more by email. In light of this, as well as conservation concerns, a decision has been reached to primarily distribute The Daf by email. This will enable us to produce The Daf in color which will enhance the quality of this important publication.

Black and white hard copies of The Daf will still be available upon request or for anyone without email access.

We urge everyone else to notify Avigail Klein of their email address at kleina@ou.org.

We will continue BS'D to produce a yearly hard copy collation of The Daf HaKashrus in The Daf HaShana.

Whether by email or hard copy we hope you will continue to enjoy The Daf HaKashrus.

Rabbi Yosef Grossman - Editor

GLYCERINE AND DETERGENT ISSUES

BY RABBI YOSEF GOLDBERG

RC Bake, Dairy, Kerry, Oleochemical

- For those RFR's whose plants need Kosher for Passover Glycerine be advised that Procter & Gamble is now producing a non-Passover Glycerine that is named: **Superol Kosher Glycerine not for Passover (KNP)**. This product is now being sold bulk, and will soon be sold in drums also.
- The OU certifies some glycerine and fatty acids for detergent use only. This is because the OU does not certify detergents or cleansers simply because they are inedible by a dog and therefore can be considered defacto kosher. The standard for OU certified detergents and cleansers is that there be no *b'ein of tarfus* in the certified product. On this note, it is important to point out that Procter & Gamble also manufactures a vegetable glycerine that we certify as **Kosher certified for non-food use only**, which means that it is a pure vegetable product that has been produced on keilim which have been used for *tarfus*. These *keilim* have been flushed to the point that there is no *b'ein of tarfus* in this laundry grade (from the perspective of kashrus only) certified product. Because this glycerine was produced on non-kasher keilim, this glycerine may not be stored or transported in food grade kosher tanks or carriers, without requiring a subsequent kosherization. The name of this Procter & Gamble Glycerine is Superol V Glycerine. This glycerine should not be allowed into a kosher-certified food grade plant that uses kosher glycerine in certified food production.
- Procter & Gamble has a plant in New Milford, CT called Chemical Marketing Concepts. This is a unique type of facility which only packages sample size bottles of chemical products. If an RC or RFR receives an LOC for a glycerin or fatty acid coming from CMC, he should ask his plant what size the delivery is, as CMC only ships samples. Sample sizes generally consist of five gallon drums, gallon pails and pint bottles. All sample labels from this plant carry the RFR's stamp. If you find CMC as a source on a Schedule A, please find out if your plant is using sample sizes. If not, please inform your RC to have the correct source of the glycerin or fatty acid added to the Schedule A and to have the CMC source deleted.
- All Cognis Glycerine that is manufactured in the United States and certified by the OU is bulk only. Cognis does drumming at a facility in Cincinnati. Some of the Glycerine drummed there is certified by the Vaad Hoir of Cincinnati. However, the OU takes no responsibility for that product. If your plant is receiving such Glycerine a Letter of Certification from that Vaad must be obtained for the ingredient to be added to a Schedule A. Lot numbers will probably be necessary.

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THREE COLOR SIGNATURE STAMP

Attached is a sample of a three color signature stamp which has recently been employed in a number of plants. If you have a plant/special production needs which can benefit from this security identification, please contact Rabbi Howard Katzenstein at 212-613-8169 or howardk@ou.org.

OU KOSHER ANNOUNCES HARRY H. BEREN VISIT^U PROGRAM FOR JEWISH YOUTH

The new initiative VISIT^U is a companion to the highly successful ASK^U program. Both programs are made possible by the Harry H. Beren Foundation of Lakewood, NJ, which provides financial support to a wide variety of educational programs of OU Kosher.



Seattle and Vancouver Jewish Student Union club members have their questions answered on kosher concerns.

As another in an expanding series of education initiatives, the Orthodox Union's Kosher Department has established its new Harry H. Beren VISIT^U program, which makes it possible for Jewish students to visit the OU to learn the finer points of kosher law and observance. The program was recently inaugurated when 70 students from Seattle and Vancouver visited New York on a trip sponsored by the OU's Jewish Student Union, which operates clubs for public school students across North America.

As part of their learning experience the students watched a twenty-minute video explaining the basics of OU kosher certification. They also received informative presentations from Rabbi Menachem Genack, CEO of OU Kosher, and Rabbi Yosef Grossman, Director of ASK^U and Kashrut Education at OU Kosher.

"Students from public high schools — as in the case of JSU clubs — as well as day schools, yeshiva high schools and summer camps, can benefit from visiting the OU," declared Rabbi Grossman. "Every visit to the OU is unique, as we cater to the specific needs of each group. Our rabbinic personnel researches the questions students send in prior to their visit, and explain the technicalities of kosher in a user-friendly manner."

For more information on the VISIT^U program or to set up a tour of OU Kosher, contact Rabbi Grossman at 212-613-8212, or grossman@ou.org.



Rabbi Menachem Genack addresses the first Harry H. Beren VISIT^U audience, with Rabbi Yosef Grossman looking on.

GLYCERINE Cognis Glycerine is drummed under ^U certification in Germany and in Malaysia. Those drums should bear the ^U symbol. The drums from Germany will also carry the stamp of the RFR.

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- As mentioned above, all ^U certified Cognis glycerine made in the US (in Cincinnati) is bulk. That glycerine is named Emery 917 Kosher Glycerine 99.7% U.S.P.

Please be aware that Cognis also manufactures **non-kosher bulk glycerine** which is marketed under the name Emery 916 Glycerine. Because of the closeness of these numbers, extra vigilance is necessary.

- Sometimes a detergent plant RFR reports as an ingredient to be added to the Schedule A "blow molding." This is simply an ingredient that is used in making the plastic containers that liquid detergents come in. Many laundry plants manufacture their own containers. Blow moldings and their colors need not be reported.

MAZAL TOV TO ...

our dedicated RFR in Little Rock, AR **RABBI PINCHAS CIMENT AND HIS WIFE** on the birth of their daughter Shaina.

בואכם לשלום...

to Rabbi Chaim Loike, our newest Rabbinic Coordinator. A Talmid of Yeshivas Kerem B'Yavne and a Musmach of RIETS, Rabbi Loike has been a Rebbe in HAFTR and Magid Shiur in Hilchos Shechita at RIETS. He has extensively researched the Mesorah of kosher birds amongst Ashkenazim, and maintains an extensive collection of such exotic birds at his home. Rabbi Loike delivered a fascinating lecture at the first ASKOU Mesorah Conference on Kosher Birds and Animals which included a live demonstration of kosher birds. Rabbi Loike will be serving the OU's egg and spice industries.

BEECH-NUT “COMMITTED TO KOSHER” DESPITE KOSHER REDUCTIONS

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St. Louis... News that Beech-Nut has decided to end the kosher status (Ⓢ) of more than 30 flavors has caused considerable consternation amongst kosher consumers, KosherToday has learned. But Sal Stazzone of Beech-Nut said that the company has a “long standing commitment to providing the best baby food that includes continuing to have the largest offerings of certified kosher varieties even with the recent reductions.” Some of the effected flavors include Banana Pudding, Peaches, Beans, Apple Cherry, Mixed Cereal with Apple, Pear Raspberry, Rice Cereal with Apple, Banana Yogurt, Corn Sweet Potatoes, Rice Cereal, Carrot and Apple Mango, Fruit Dessert and Carrots and Peas. In an e-mail to KosherToday, a Brooklyn mother of two infants wrote “It just so happens that some of the flavors that will no longer be kosher were amongst the most popular for me and my friends. We have every intention of letting the company know our feelings.”

In a statement to KosherToday, Beech-Nut tried to reassure its strong customer base: “Beech-Nut continues our long standing

commitment to offer the largest range of high quality baby food that is certified kosher by the Orthodox Union. This includes offering a range of products with 46 varieties in the US and 31 varieties in Canada that are certified kosher. As we continue to introduce new products to the market place we will always evaluate which of these can be added to our listing as being certified kosher.

At the same time Beech-Nut must continually assess the level of complexity throughout our entire manufacturing operation to insure maximum efficiencies which allows us to offer the highest quality baby food at the best value for the consumer. Most recently we identified that the total number of certified kosher products had reached a level that was producing complexity that interfered with our commitment to highest quality products at the best price possible. This resulted in a decision to reduce the total number of certified kosher varieties to the current numbers for the US and Canada as stated above. Beech-Nut continues to be very

proud of our relationship with the Orthodox Union and being able to offer the largest range of certified kosher baby food in the US and Canada.”



KASHRUTH advisory!

In previous years, **BENEFIBER**, a nutritional supplement not certified as Kosher for Passover, was neither chometz nor kitniyos. However, the situation has changed and some forms of Benefiber are now made with “wheat dextrin”, which is chometz. Currently Retail Benefiber contains actual chometz (chometz gamur) and can neither be consumed nor owned on Pesach. Institutional Benefiber does not contain chometz or kitniyos, however it is not certified as Kosher for Passover. If you need to use Benefiber over Passover, it is best to obtain the institutional Benefiber. Institutional Benefiber can easily be identified by the inclusion of “guar gum” in the ingredients as opposed to “wheat dextrin”. Finally, not all Benefiber products are certified Kosher by the Orthodox Union. Those certified as OU Kosher Pareve will bear an Ⓢ symbol on the label.

KASHRUTH alert!

WAWA HOT & SPICY PEANUTS produced by Wawa Inc. – Wawa, PA and sold in Wawa stores bears an unauthorized Ⓢ symbol and is being withdrawn from the marketplace. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

TIBULI SPICES AND SEASONING produced by Tibuli, Inc., Miami, FL bears a kosher for Passover sticker. This product is certified by the Orthodox Union for year round use. The Orthodox Union does not stand behind the kosher for Passover status as some varieties contain kitniyos.

An olive oil manufacturer, **VALDOLIVA INTERNATIONAL**, Cincinnati, OH, has placed an unauthorized Ⓢ symbol on various oils distributed in the United States. Affected products, grouped by their respective distributors (as appears on the product label) appear below: Federated Group-Arlington Heights, IL, Le Torri 1. Olive Oil 2. Extra Virgin Olive Oil 3. Pure Olive Oil, IGA Supermarkets-Chicago, IL, IGA 1. Olive Oil 2. Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Topco Associated LLC-Skokie, IL, Sistina 1. Extra Virgin Olive Oil 2. Olive Oil Light 3. Pure Olive Oil, Valdoliva International-Cincinnati, OH, Valli 1. Extra Virgin Olive Oil (Blend) 2. Olive Oil (Blend), Valdoliva Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Val TorrE Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Consumers spotting these products are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8148 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

A limited number of **MONTANA SPINACH** produced by Montana Food Industries – Tarzana, CA has been distributed while bearing an unauthorized Ⓢ symbol and is being withdrawn from the marketplace. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.



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11 BROADWAY, NYC, NY, 14TH FLOOR

- 10:00-10:50 CURRENT ISSUES FACING THE LOCAL VAAD HAKASHRUTH**
Rabbi Yaakov Luban – OU Executive Rabbinic Coordinator, Rabbi Congregation Ohr Torah in Edison, NJ
Rabbi Yoel Schonfeld – OU Rabbinic Coor./Group Leader, Ast. Rabbi Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills, NY
- 10:50-11:45 FOODSERVICE KASHERING – A DEMONSTRATION**
Rabbi Moshe Perlmutter – OU Rabbinic Field Representative – Kosherization Expert
- 11:45-12:30 PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE KOSHER MEAT SUPPLY CHAIN**
Rabbi Moshe Elefant – COO – OU Kosher, OU Executive Rabbinic Coordinator
- 12:30-1:15 LUNCH**
ASK THE RABBI chaired by Rabbi Moshe Elefant with the participation of OU Rabbinic Coordinators.
- 1:15-2:00 BISHUL AKUM – SHIUR HALACHAH WITH PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS**
Rabbi Menachem Genack – CEO – OU Kosher, OU Rabbinic Administrator
- 2:00-2:45 THE SHUL KIDDUSH – IS IT REALLY KOSHER AND SHOMER SHABBOS?**
Rabbi Dov Schreier – OU Rabbinic Coordinator – Foodservice, Rabbi Young Israel of North Bellmore, NY
- 2:45-3:00 MINCHA**
- 3:00-3:45 BEDIKAS TOYLOIM**
Rabbi Yosef Eisen – Rabbinic Admin. Vaad of the Five Towns and Far Rockaway, Rabbi Kollel Bnei Torah
- 3:45-4:30 NEHEMANUS & MIRSAS – SHIUR HALACHAH WITH PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS**
Rabbi Herschel Schachter – Rosh Yeshiva and Rosh Kollel, RIETS, OU Halachic Consultant

RCA Chaveirim who are interested in attending this special Yom Iyun on Kashruth are urged to register for it when they register for the RCA Convention at djoyandeh@rabbis.org.

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