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SHABBOS HAGADOL DROSHOS

Adas (Chofetz Chaim Adas Bnei Israel) Rabbi Shlomo Naiman	6:30 PM
Agudah of Greenspring Rabbi Mordechai Shuchatowitz	5:30 PM
Agudath Israel of Baltimore Rabbi Moshe Heinemann	5:00 PM
Arugas Habosem Rabbi Shaya Taub	Drosho by Rabbi Chaim Betzalel Taub 6:30 PM
Bais Haknesses Ohr HaChaim Rabbi Y. Zvi Weiss	6:30 PM (7:15 Mincha)
Bais Lubavitch (Clarks Lane) Rabbi Elchonon Lisbon	10:30 AM
Bais Medrash of Ranchleigh Rabbi Abba Zvi Naiman	5:45 PM
Baltimore Community Kollel (Kollel Tiferes Moshe Aryeh) Rabbi Nesanel Kostelitz	6:00 PM
Beit Yaakov Rabbi Emanuel Goldfeiz	10:20 AM Shabbos Morning
Beth Abraham Anshe Sfard (Hertzberg's Shul) Rabbi Dovid Katz	3 Hours before Mincha
Beth Tfiloh Congregation Rabbi Mitchell Wohlberg	"The Afikoman: Our Most Popular Ritual - But what does it mean?" (Epstein Chapel) 6:00 PM
Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion Rabbi Moshe Hauer	5:50 PM (Halachah) 6:25 PM (Drasha)
Congregation Avodas Yisroel Rabbi Moshe Tesser	5:15 PM (6:00 Mincha)
Congregation Chofetz Chaim – Talmudical Academy Rabbi Shraga Hershkowitz	6:35 PM
Congregation Nachal Chaim Rabbi Sandler Goldberg	Shabbos hagadol Drasha before Musaf
Darchei Tzedek Congregation Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz	5:30 PM
Greenspring Sephardic Center Rabbi Yehuda Khoshkeraman	(English)
Heichel Melech Rabbi Pinchas Gross	5:30 PM
Kehilas Kol Torah Rabbi Yosef Berger	5:00 PM
Kehilath B'nai Torah Rabbi Jonathan Aryeh Seidemann	5:15 PM
Kehillas Meor HaTorah Rabbi Simcha Wein	5:15 PM
Khal Ahavas Yisroel/Tzemach Tzedek Rabbi Dovid Heber	For Women: 4:45-5:30 PM / For Men: 5:50 PM
Khal Chasidim Rosh Kollel HaRav Hershel Rosenfeld	6:20 PM (Yiddish)
Machzikei Torah Congregation Rabbi Nesanel Kosterlitz	Before Mussaf
Mercaz Torah U'Tefillah Rav Yissochar Eichenstein	10:25AM
Ner Tamid Greenspring Valley Synagogue Rabbi Sruli Motzen	A) Timeless Lessons from a Converso: The Life and Times of Gracia Mendes Nasi 10:30 AM B) Be Prepared! A Journey through the Haggadah 5:15 PM
Ohel Moshe Rabbi Zvi Teichman	6:20 PM
Ohel Yakov Rabbi Peretz Dinovitz	10:30AM
Ohr Hamizrach Sephardic Center Rabbi Rouben Arieh	4:30 PM (in Persian)
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Shearith Israel Congregation Rabbi Yaakov Hopfer	5:00 PM
Shomrei Emunah Congregation Rabbi Binyamin Marwick	6:00 PM
Suburban Orthodox Congregation - Toras Chaim Rabbi Shmuel Silber	5:45 PM
The Shul At Lubavitch Center Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan	6:00 PM
Tiferes Yisroel Rabbi Menachem Goldberger	5:30 PM
Winands Road Synagogue Rabbi Shalom Salfer	



Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
100 Edison Park Drive
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878
www.mcfrcs.org/mcsafe

Scott E. Goldstein
Montgomery County Fire Chief

Passover Fire Safety

Passover is fast approaching! The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service would like to share some important fire safety tips with you. There are many things families can do to reduce the chance of a fire starting in their homes. Please make sure your smoke alarms are working and that you have practiced a home escape plan. Remember, the very best safety plan is prevention.

General Kitchen Safety Guidelines

- Create and maintain a “Kid-Free Zone” of 3 feet around the stove, oven, hotplate and urn.
- When cooking, wear tighter fitting sleeves. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Turn pot handles inward so they cannot be easily overturned or spilled.
- Keep the stove area clear of flammable items, such as towels, papers and potholders.
- Keep a pot lid or cooking sheet handy in case of a small fire on the stovetop.
- Do not become distracted.
- Do not leave cooking food unattended.

In Case of Kitchen Fire

Get Out and Call 911 – Too many people lose their lives and their homes trying to “fight” a fire. The best advice is to get everyone out and call 911 after you have safely escaped.

- **Turn the Heat Off** – Don't try to move the pot. You may burn yourself or spread the fire.
- **Cover the Pot with a Metal Lid or Cookie Sheet** – Fire cannot exist in the absence of oxygen. With the lid on (and the heat off), a small stovetop fire should quickly consume all the oxygen and put itself out. Use a metal lid since glass may shatter.
- **Do Not Use Water** – Pouring water on a grease fire can cause the grease to splash and fire to spread.
- **Do Not Throw Any Other Baking Product On the Fire** – Flour might look like baking soda, but it won't react the same. Only baking soda can help put out a grease fire.

TOP THREE SAFETY TIPS!

1. Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Test alarms monthly and remember: ALL smoke alarms must be replaced with new ones every 10 years. If you have not replaced your alarms since 2006 – it's time!
2. Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.
3. Regularly conduct safety inspections in your home.

BEFORE PESACH

Preparing Your Kitchen for Pesach

OVEN

- In case of an oven fire, get everyone out of the house and call 911 when you are safely outdoors.
- Be sure that your kitchen is properly ventilated when using chemicals or running the self-clean cycle.
- Before running the self-clean cycle, remove excess grease.
- Oven cleaners, such as Easy-Off, can cause severe burns. Be extremely cautious and read all labels when using these products.
- Do not leave your oven unattended while in the self-clean cycle.
- In case of a fire during the self-clean cycle, turn off the oven if safe to do so, get outside, and call 911

Kashering by Immersion in Boiling Water or Pouring Boiling Water

- Children should not be near the stove, sink or pathway at this time. It is suggested that this be done when there are no children present. Always keep a 3-foot safe zone.
- Always use oven mitts or potholders, preferably silicone or waterproof.
- Use extreme caution when opening the lid of a boiling pot or when pouring boiling water. Steam can quickly cause serious burns, just like fire!

EREV PESACH

BEDIKAT CHOMETZ (SEARCHING FOR CHOMETZ)

- Consider using a much safer option such as a flashlight or a flameless, battery-powered candle.
- If using a traditional candle, keep it away from all flammable objects, especially curtains, sofas, tablecloths and bedding.
- A widely-accepted practice is to start bedikat chometz with a candle, then to switch to a flashlight. Not only is this safer, it enables one to

see into small areas. If you have any questions about the permissibility of using a flashlight for all or part of bedikat chometz, consult your Rabbi.

Burning the Chometz

- Chometz should only be burned in the presence of adults. Make sure children are not standing too close to the fire and supervise children closely at all times!
- While the fire is burning, never add flammable materials to cause the fire to flare up, such as gasoline or lighter fluid.
- When the Chometz has finished burning, do not pour the remnants of the fire into the trash.
- Be aware of weather and wind conditions, mulch and other flammable landscaping materials.
- If possible, create a buddy system whereby all younger children are paired with an adult or with a responsible, older child.

Candle Safety Checklist for Pesach and for All Celebrations

Please follow these safety tips while using candles in the home:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire (i.e., clothing, books, paper, curtains, etc.).
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't burn and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Place candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface and do not use candles in places where they could be knocked over by children or pets.
 - Use candles with flame protective non-combustible shades or globes.
 - Keep candles at least 3 feet away from flammable items and materials.

Got One? GET ONE!

FREE SMOKE ALARMS are available to qualified Montgomery County residents and free home safety evaluations are available to all residents.

Visit mcfrcs.org/mcsafe and sign up for a FREE home safety check.

Electrical Safety

Hot plates should be certified by Underwriters Laboratories. This UL seal is viewed as the gold standard for safety certification. Even appliances that carry a UL mark are only certified to be left on for the time period recommended by the manufacturer. Read and follow all instructions.

Annual Baltimore



Pimlico Race Course Clubhouse Parking Lot
See Driving Directions Below

Friday, April 22, 2016 | 6:30 - 11:30 am

Suggested Donation: \$5

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.

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

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

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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 :

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Park Heights Renaissance-**CHEO HURLEY**, Executive Director, and **KALEEMA BREATHETT**, Community Organizer

CHAI: Comprehensive Housing Assistance Inc. - **MITCHELL POSNER**, Executive Director, and **RACHEL MOSES**, Marketing Manager



Free Bulk Trash Drop-Off Locations:



Since only chometz can be disposed 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



YESHIVAS BAIN HAZMANIM 5776:

AGUDAH GREENSPRING

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

AGUDAH PARK HEIGHTS

Free Breakfast to all who come learn, beginning Friday, April 15th. (No breakfast Erev Pesach, April 22)

BALTIMORE COMMUNITY KOLLEL

Open Bais Medrash with cake and coffee available.

KEHILATH B'NAI TORAH

Bain Hazmanim Program begins April 14th.

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 Breakfast & Learning Program is sponsored by the Isbee Family in memory of R' Elozer Isbee ZT"L.

KOL TORAH

Beginning Friday, April 15th, there will be a daily 8:15am weekday Shacharis followed by breakfast and Seder for those who can stay and learn in the Bais Medrash. Starting Monday April 18th there will also be a 1:45pm weekday Mincha, Mon-Thurs. This will continue through Chol Hamoed and after Pesach through Wednesday, May 4th.

MERCAZ TORAH U'TEFILLAH

HaRav Yissocher Dov Eichenstein, shlita
6500 Baythorne Road

For more information: Rabbi Shaul Sinsky 410-591-3095

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 Mechinas Ner Yisrael
Rabbi Simcha Cook, *shlita*

Daily Schedule - 9 Nissan|April 29th - 26 Nissan|May 3rd

9:00 Shacharis | 9:40 Breakfast | Seder to follow breakfast until 11:00AM

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

Yarchei Kallah

Baalei Batim – Avreichim – Bachurim

Being led by leading Roshei Yeshivos & Maggidei Shiur 10:30-11:00AM

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

Tuesday, Second Day Chol Hamoed | Harav Avromi Hender, *Shlita*

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

Thursday, Fourth Day Chol Hamoed | Harav Shragie Neuberger, *Shlita*

Chol Hamoed Schedule

Shacharis (Mon-Thurs) 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:30 and 9:00 AM

9:40 Breakfast

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

Chol Hamoed KIDS Schedule (Boys Grades 1-8)

Shacharis (Mon-Thurs) 8:00 AM

Learning to follow davening until 10:00AM

Led by Rabbi Yossi Brecher & Rabbi Dovid Neiman - PRIZES & RAFFLES!

OHR HACHAIM

April 17th-21, Shachris is at 7:15 & 8:20, followed by breakfast, and seder 9:00-1:00

OHR HAMIZRACH

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

Hagalas Kailim *Please do not use items for 24 hours prior to hagalah*

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 / 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

Suburban Orthodox

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Zmanim

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 / 13 NISSAN

Bedikas Chometz: Anytime after 8:33 PM (Tzais)

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016 EREV YOM TOV - 14 NISSAN

Erev Pesach

Must Stop Eating Chometz by: 10:16 AM

Nullification of Chometz: 11:33 AM

Hadlakas Nairos (with Shehechyanu): 7:33 PM

Eat Afikomen by: 1:06 AM (Shabbos morning April 23)

MOTZEI SHABBOS, APRIL 23, 2016 YOM TOV - 15 NISSAN

1st Day Pesach

Hadlakas Nairos (with Shehechyanu): AFTER 9:05 PM

Omer tonight: Count Day 1

Eat Afikomen by: 1:05 AM (Sunday morning April 24)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016 CHOL HAMOAID - 20 NISSAN

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

ERUV TAVSHILIN TODAY

Hadlakos Nairos: 7:39 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016 YOM TOV/ EREV SHABBOS - 21 NISSAN

8th Day of Pesach • Omer Day 6

Hadlakaos Nairos: 7:40PM

SHABBOS, APRIL 30, 2016 YOM TOV/SHABBOS - 22 NISSAN

8th Day of Pesach • Omer Day 7

Shir HaShirim

Yizkor

BEDIKAS CHOMETZ (Night)

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו על בעור חמץ.

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 חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא דְאִכָּא בְּרִשׁוּתִי, דְלָא חֲמַתָּה וְדָלָא בְעֵרְתָּהּ וְדָלָא יָדַעְנָא לָהּ, לְבָטֵל וְלִהְיוּ הַפָּקֵר כְּעֶפְרָא 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)

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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 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.**

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.

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, Giant, 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, *safek 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, 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 *sblit"á*

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

CHOMETZ AFTER PESACH CHART

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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 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.

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
Chometz content is more than a k'zayis.	Yes
Chometz content in entire package is less than a k'zayis but is greater than 1/60 of the cooked product (e.g., Corn Flakes cereal)	Yes
Chometz content in entire package is less than a k'zayis but is greater than 1/60 of the uncooked product	No
Chometz content is less than 1/60 of the product	No
Chometz Nokshe (e.g., chometz glue)	Yes
Condiments containing vinegar (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, pickles)	No
Corn Flakes (brands that contain malt flavor – e.g., Kellogg's)	Yes
Cookies	Yes
Cosmetics	No
Detergents	No
Extracts	No
Flour (including flour that contains whole wheat flour or malted barley)	No
Food Coloring	No
Gefilte Fish (not KFP that contains matzo meal or chometz)	Yes
Ketchup	No
Kitniyos	No
Malt extract in product (e.g., Rice Krispies)	Yes
Maltodextrin	No
Maltose (in product)	Yes
Matzo and Matzo Meal (not certified for Pesach)	Yes
Mayonnaise	No
Medicine containing chometz	No
Modified food starch (from unknown source)	No
Mustard	No
Oatmeal (Instant, Regular, Baby)	Yes
Pasta	Yes
Pickles	No
Pretzels	Yes
Processed on chometz equipment with no chometz content in product (if it was not known to have been processed on Pesach)	No
Products non-edible even for canine consumption	No
Rice Krispies (brands that contains malt flavor - e.g., Kellogg's)	Yes
Rolled Oats	Yes
Soy Sauce (containing wheat)	Yes
Vanillin and Ethyl Vanillin	No
Vinegar (from unknown sources)	No
Vitamins containing chometz	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* 2016

ALL STAR-K ESTABLISHMENTS | ALL STAR-D ESTABLISHMENTS

STORES IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA

7-11 Fords Lane, Hooks Lane, Old Court Road (at Greenwood), Reisterstown Road (near Slade Ave.)	K-Mart	Save-A-Lot
A-Z Savings 6307 Reisterstown Road	Mars	Savings Center 4003 Seven Mile Lane
BJ's	Petco	Seven Mile Market
Costco	Petsmart	Shoppers Food Warehouse
CVS	Rite-Aid	Shoprite 37 W. Aylesbury Road, Timonium
Dugan's Liquor	Royal Farms	Trader Joe's
*Dunkin Donuts 1508 Reisterstown Rd. (at Old Court Rd.) 7000 Reisterstown Rd. (near Fallstaff Rd.)	Sam's Discount Warehouse	Village Liquors
Earth Origins Market		Walgreens
Food Lion		Walmart
		Whole Foods

* Only these two locations of Dunkin Donuts are under the certification of Rabbi Sholom Salfer. Please note that it is permissible to purchase products at these Dunkin Donuts on Motzei Pesach, April 30, ONLY AFTER 9:50 p.m. (this time meets the requirement of בכדי שיעשו). (this time meets the requirement of בכדי שיעשו).

WHEN *CHOMETZ* MAY BE PURCHASED AFTER *PESACH* 2016

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

Sunday, May 15, 2016 (2 weeks after *Pesach*)

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

Sunday, May 29, 2016 (4 weeks after *Pesach*)

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (after *Shavuos*)

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 products found in the remainder of these supermarkets may possibly have been purchased from a Jewish distributor. Therefore, it is commendable not to purchase chometz products from these stores until four weeks after Pesach. One may purchase chometz products from these stores beginning on the Sunday after Lag B'omer, May 29th, 2016.

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