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Pesach Information

Please be aware that *some matzohs being sold in the Passover sections of local BJ's and Giant stores are chometz and NOT Kosher for Passover*. Consumers are always urged to check that boxes state "Passover Matzoh", even if the matzoh is located in Passover sections of stores. Non-Passover matzohs state "Chometz" and "Not For Passover" in small print on the box.

Although *pure granite* may be kashered for Pesach (even if sealed), *granite composite* is not kasherable. What appears to be granite may actually be a composite, and this should be ascertained by the consumer before kashering.

Please note: *The 2009 Passover Guide* addresses the chometz-free status of medicines and nutritional supplements. Except where indicated, *the list does not address the kosher status of the product*. This means that if a product appears on the list, it does not necessarily indicate that the product is kosher. It may be chometz-free but contain non-kosher ingredients. Consult with your rav regarding the permissibility of using any specific product.

The Passover Product List portion of our 2009 Passover Directory is now available for PalmOS and Windows Mobile devices. You can download the List at http://star-k.org/cons-pesach_ebook_PDA.htm.

Our latest TeleKosher Conference "Passover is Coming!!" is available on the web at <http://star-k.org/cons-pesach.htm>, where many of the new issues of Passover 2009 are discussed.

Chometz Burning at Pimlico

Baltimore Chometz Burning 2009 has been relocated to the Pimlico Race Course in the big parking lot off of Preakness Way between Northern Parkway and W. Belvedere Avenue to be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 between 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Any chometz that is to be burned must be wrapped in paper or placed in a paper bag. Plastic bags are unacceptable for burning. Large dumpsters will be available for disposing greater amounts of chometz. No bulk trash (non-food related) will be permitted.

No Longer STAR-K Certified

As many in our community are aware, on February 17, 2009, an alert was issued stating that *FruitWorks*, located at 1496 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21208, is **NO LONGER under Star-K or Star-D certification**. It has come to our attention that *FruitWorks* continues to state, both verbally and in print, that they are under Star-K certification. We want to reiterate that these statements are untrue. Corrective action is currently being taken to rectify this situation.

Consumer Alerts & Information

Clementines from Israel are currently being sold at Costco. They bear kedushas shmitta and should be avoided.

Peppers from Israel are currently being sold at Costco. Terumos and maasros must be taken off before consumption.

GLAD and HEFTY tall white kitchen trash bags - Please be aware that Glad Forceflex and Hefty Cinch Sak trash bags are compacted and sealed. Perforations must be separated and opened before Shabbos or Yom Tov for use on Shabbos or Yom Tov. This alert holds true for all trash bags with perforations.

Mincha at the STAR-K office building is Mon. - Thurs. at 1:50 p.m.

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CHOMETZ BURNING

