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TIME TO RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE GUIDE TO CHODOSH COST INCREASES, NEW POST OFFICE BOX ADDRESS

The Guide project does not accept any donations. Even though this is a volunteer project, there are expenses that need to be covered by the sales of the Guides. For many years, the cost of the Guide had remained at \$15 for the three issues per season, or \$5 per issue at the local distributors. During these years the number of pages per booklet and the cost of mailing have both increased significantly. Therefore we are forced to increase the cost of the subscription from \$15 **to \$18** for the three issues. For those who buy individual copies sold by local distributors, the first issue will cost \$8 and the remaining two will be \$5 per issue. The \$18 covers subscriptions to be mailed within the USA. For Canadian addresses, the cost of the 3 issues is \$20. For Israel, Europe and other overseas locations the cost is \$24. To subscribe, please send your checks made out to "Project Chodosh" to the Guide address given above.

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CHANGES IN THE NEW GUIDE

As we noted in the last Guide of the previous season, major changes are coming in next season's Guide. We will no longer list in the Guide an item as being Yeshon based solely on statements of companies regarding the Yeshon status of their products. Only information provided by hashgochos or from impartial

sources such as the US Department of Agriculture will be used, in combination with experience we have accumulated over the years.

People living far from the Metropolitan New York area have contacted us to register their fear that the lack of access to many of the heimishe brands available in the New York area would deprive them of sources of Yeshon. We will do our best to maintain useful Yeshon information about nationally available brands. Here are some example of the changes, which also address the needs of maintaining coverage for national brands:

- Dating codes will continue to be supplied for packaged foods as they were in the past. However, the cutoff dates used will often be earlier than in the past, based on Chodosh-crop harvest dates supplied by the US Dep't of Agriculture.
- We will no longer accept that all wheat used in General Mills cereals is always Yeshon, but will supply cutoff dates for such wheat ingredients. Similarly, the cutoff date for oats in Cheerios will be earlier than in the past.
- Those wheat baking flours that were listed as always using winter wheat will be listed with a cutoff date, unless we can confirm independently that they always use winter wheat.
- We are making an effort to contact all individual local bakeries, pizza shops and similar establishments that have in the past claimed to be Yeshon, but had no hashgocho for Yeshon. We will not be able to continue to list in the Guide those that do not respond and provide information about Yeshon hashgocho for their establishment.
- We had always recommended that everyone get all three issues of the Guide to keep up with changes and corrections. This will be even more pertinent this year, as we will work to keep gathering more information using our new guidelines, after the publication of the first Guide.

ESTIMATED CHODOSH STARTING DATES

The following are our early estimates of up to which date will it be recommended that you can purchase foods without concern for Chodosh. These are

preliminary estimates only. Corrections and updates to these will be posted when available, on the News section of the Chodosh Hot Line and by email to those who subscribe to the email list (see below.) The corrected dates will also be published in the first edition of the Guide. The range of dates we give are the earliest and latest expected safe purchase dates. **Note that these recommended dates are earlier than the cutoff dates used in the past.**

- Items using oats should be safe to purchase without looking at codes up to sometime between Jul 27-Aug 10.
- Foods using wheat, other than noodles and pasta, safe to purchase up to around Aug 14-Aug 28.
- Noodles and pasta up to Aug 21-Sept 4.
- Barley products, other than items from barley malt, safe to purchase up to Jul 28-Aug 10.
- Barley malt products, including beer should

be safe to purchase up to Dec. 15.

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