

CHOMETZ AFTER PESACH

Please be advised that again this year the major kashrut supervisory organizations have expressed concern regarding the large Jewish owned distributorships in the metropolitan area that operate during and after Pesach and supply chametz products to many large chain supermarkets.

Please be aware of the following specifics:

1. All stores that have a reliable supervision may be patronized immediately after Yom Tov concludes on Thursday night. The only exception to this rule is Dunkin Donuts at 566 Middle Neck Road, where baked goods should not be purchased until at least one hour after Yom Tov ends (this rule also applies every Motzei Shabbat).
2. Due to the lack of clarity regarding which distributors serve which supermarkets, it is recommended that chometz gamur products (cookies, cakes, etc) not be purchased from any of the supermarkets in our area for at least two weeks. This will allow sufficient time for enough rotation of merchandise to create a safek d'rabanan. Target stores are included in this category but Whole Foods stores are not and are permitted.
3. Regarding other stores, the lists of the Vaad HaKashrus of the Five Towns and Rockaway and the Vaad HaRabbonim of Raritan Valley permit BJ's, Costco, CVS, Duane Read, Rite Aid, Sam's Club, Seven-Eleven, Trader Joe's, Walgreens, Walmart and Whole Foods. Limelight is permissible as well.
4. Non-chometz items may be purchased from any store, Jewish or non-Jewish owned.
5. Alcoholic beverages (excluding wine) May not be purchased from any Jewish owned liquor store until after Shavuot.
6. Please allow Rabbi Polakoff until 9 pm Thursday evening to finalize the transaction with Dario.

As always, please feel free to reach out to either Rabbi Polakoff or Rabbi Lichter should you have any questions.