



# STAR-K KOSHER CERTIFICATION KEEPING YOU KURRENT

## Consumer Alerts

January 2013

**6 HOUR HARD CHEESE REMINDER:** In Star-K pizza and dairy restaurant establishments, Parmesan cheese is a common topping which may be used by customers to flavor their pizza, lasagne, macaroni and cheese, baked ziti, etc. One should be aware that Parmesan cheese is a 6 hour hard cheese. This means that one is required to wait 6 hours before eating meat, even though there is a minimum amount of Parmesan cheese that is used to flavor a pizza.

**Blue Moon's New 'Ale'** is half wine. Blue Moon is producing beer wine hybrids that are 49% wine and are not kosher. There are other ales which contain wine, including Allagash Victoria Ale with Chardonnay grapes and Milton (Del.) craft beer maker Dogfish Head Noble Rot using viognier and pinot gris grapes.

**The Bakery Pumpkin Pies**, sold at Walmart stores, are labeled with the Scroll K but have erroneously omitted the DAIRY designation. This product is Scroll K - DAIRY certified. Corrective action has been taken.

**Badia Dried Shrimp** - Some packages mistakenly bear the OU symbol. This product is not kosher. Corrective measures have been taken.

### **KASHRUS ALERT: ELECTRIC FREE-STANDING DOUBLE OVENS/WARMING DRAWERS**

Some models of **free-standing electric ranges** with warming drawers or double ovens may only have a single sheet of metal separating the upper oven from the lower oven, as opposed to an insulated double metal layer. This can create a *kashrus* problem when using one oven for meat and the other for dairy. Consumers are urged to research these ovens very carefully before purchasing.

**Israeli Peppers:** Please be aware that there are currently many stores that are selling Carmel peppers, product of Israel. One must remember to separate *Terumos* and *Maasros* from this produce. For more information, please call Star-K at 410-484-4110 or visit <http://www.star-k.org/kk-medi-terumos.htm>.

## Community News

**Easta LaVista** meat restaurant, located at 1330 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21208, is now open and certified by STAR-K. All baked goods are *Pas Yisroel*. Please inquire with onsite *mashgiach* in reference to *Yoshon*.

**Edible Arrangements, Store #572**, located in the York Road Plaza, 6352 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21212 is no longer STAR-K or STAR-D certified.

**Quinoa** - Due to possible mixing with *chometz* grains in the fields or in processing, quinoa for *Pesach* requires special certification. This year, it will be available with Star-K P certification for retail and wholesale markets. For details, see [www.star-k.org/quinoa](http://www.star-k.org/quinoa).

**Star-K's ongoing Telekosher Webinar Conference Series** is scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month at 12 Noon Eastern. To join, go to [www.star-k.org/telekosher](http://www.star-k.org/telekosher). Stay tuned for upcoming webinars on *Pesach* preparation. Previous conferences are archived by going online at [www.kosherclasses.org](http://www.kosherclasses.org) and clicking on *Podcasts*.

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