



STAR-K KOSHER CERTIFICATION

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Consumer Alerts

February 2016

Dunkin Donuts - As many in the community have either seen and/or heard, a new Dunkin Donuts store has opened in Pikesville at 1101 Reisterstown Road (corner of Sudbrook Lane). Please note this new location is NOT Kosher Certified and, in fact, will be serving non-kosher items such as real bacon, sausages, etc.

- Both Dunkin Donuts locations at Colonial Village and Old Court Road continue to be Kosher Certified by Rabbi Sholom Salfer.

Some **Jaffa-Mehadrin Growers' mandarins**, which state "heter mechira" on the box, bear an unauthorized OU symbol. The OU does not certify produce that grows during *shmitta* and sold using a "heter mechira". Corrective measures are being taken.

Sweeties brand clementines from Mehadrin Growers have been seen in Costco. This is considered *shmitta* produce. Visit STAR-K's website at <http://www.star-k.org/articles/kashrus-kurrents/3020/charting-the-course-of-shmitta-5776-a-consumers-guide-to-post-shmitta> for more information regarding how to handle *shmitta* produce.

Shabbos Alerts

Crockpots - Please note that some digital crockpots being sold have a safety feature that turns off the crockpot after 14 hours. This feature may turn off the crockpot during *Shabbos*, before the desired time. There may also be a change in the digital display or heating element when removing the crockpot. The rule when purchasing appliances is "The Simpler The Better".

Consumer Information

Finish Jet Dry Rinse Aid and all Cascade Complete Dishwater Pods products are certified as kosher by the OU, even though there is no symbol on the label.

Baskin Robbins Product Update:

- Pink Bubble Gum Ice Cream is now kosher, *cholov stam*, when bearing a STAR-D symbol.
- Rocky Road Ice Cream, and any other flavors containing miniature marshmallows, are NOT kosher.
- Decorations on store-made custom built cakes and loose toppings in individual stores are NOT certified by STAR-D certification. Consumers should check original packaging for kosher symbol.
- The products certified are: Ice Cream, Frozen Dairy Desserts, Whipped Topping, Sundae Bars, Ices/Sorbets, and pre-packed items from these categories when bearing the STAR-D symbol.

Cream of Wheat Cinnabon Instant To-Go Cups were inadvertently mislabeled with an OK kosher symbol, omitting the "D" (Dairy) designation. Corrective measures have been taken.

Wilton's Dipping Chocolate - There are pouches of Wilton's Dipping Chocolate that bear a cRc *pareve* kosher symbol. Please note that these items are dairy, as indicated on the ingredient panel. Corrective measures are being taken.

No Longer STAR-K Certified

Edible Arrangements, Olney MD, Store #695 - Please be advised that effective immediately, Edible Arrangements Store #695, located at 3478 Olney Laytonsville Road in Olney, MD, has decided to discontinue STAR-K kosher certification.

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