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STAR-K KOSHER CERTIFICATION

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## *Consumer Pesach Alert*

**March 2017**

On page 217 of the *STAR-K Pesach Guide*, information provided by another *kashrus* agency appears and the product, Nutrisource Benefiber, is listed as *chometz*-free. The agency has clarified that no such product currently exists. The correct name for this *chometz*-free product is Nutrisource Fiber (and made by Nestlé Health Science). **Note:** A product with a similar name, Benefiber, manufactured by Glaxosmithkline (GSK), is made from wheat dextrin/*chometz gamur* and may not be ingested or remain in one's possession on *Pesach*. However, Benefiber, sold in Israel and certified by *Badatz-Edah HaChareidis*, and which is made by Novartis, lists guar gum (hydrolyzed) as the only ingredient. This Israeli product is *chometz*-free.

## *Post Pesach Alerts - Purchasing Beer in Baltimore After Pesach*

Last year, it was brought to our attention that two large beer distribution companies, who are the exclusive distributors of their brands in Baltimore, are Jewish owned. Due to numerous challenges, a proper *Mechiras Chometz* was not possible for this year. As a result, many brands of beer sold in our area will be "*Chometz She'avar Alav HaPesach*" again this year.

The problematic beer supplies will not be depleted until sometime in June. Please check our website after June 1, 2017 for an update. Until that time, these brands should not be purchased.

A full list is available on STAR-K's website at [www.star-k.org/](http://www.star-k.org/). All other brands are permitted. The above information applies to Baltimore City and Baltimore County only, as well as the other counties listed in the alert. Montgomery County is NOT affected by this alert. We do not have any information about beers sold outside of Maryland. Additionally, unless otherwise notified by STAR-K, one may purchase any *chometz* beverages at the following stores:

**Dugan's  
Kosher Bite  
Village Wine and Liquors (Colonial Shopping Center)  
Wine Loft (next to Trader Joe's)**

## *STAR-K Kosher Bite Clarification*

*STAR-K certification of Kosher Bite* is limited only to the food served and/or delivered sealed from the restaurant.

## *STAR-K Seminars*

STAR-K will be conducting its **Fourth Annual Food Service *Mashgichim* Training Seminar, June 26-28, 2017**. This is an intensive three-day training program for people involved (or who want to get involved) in *hashgocha* for restaurants, catering halls, hotels, etc. This program is limited to 25 attendees.

STAR-K's widely acclaimed **14th Annual *Kashrus* Training Program, July 24-27, 2017**, provides *rabbonim*, certifying agency administrators, *kollel* members and others serving in *klei kodesh* the opportunity to meet the personalities behind the internationally recognized and trusted STAR-K symbol, and benefit from their expertise. A hands-on practical application of the *Shulchan Aruch* will assist attendees in learning how to structure a *kashrus* organization, as well as provide an in-depth look into the ins and outs of *kashrus* challenges in various venues. This program is limited to 25 attendees and is held at the STAR-K offices.

To download an application for either of these seminars, please visit the STAR-K website at [www.star-k.org/training](http://www.star-k.org/training). For further information, please contact, Rabbi Zvi Goldberg, seminar coordinator, at 410-484-4110 ext. 219.

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