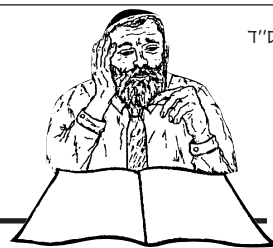


THE Daf HaKASHRUS



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE  RABBINIC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

OU KOSHER INTRODUCES WWW.KOSHERPROFESSIONALS.COM

The Kosher Division of the Orthodox Union, which already maintains the oukosher.org website with its multiplicity of features for general audiences as well as for companies, has created a website specifically for professionals, to provide insights into the increasingly complex and changing field of kosher certification.

The new website, www.KosherProfessionals.com, will utilize the resources of the entire OU Kosher Division, including its 50 Rabbinic Coordinators, based at OU headquarters in New York; its two *poskim*, or *halachic* (Jewish law) decisors, Rabbi Hershel Schachter and Rabbi Yisroel Belsky; as well as the hundreds of OU Rabbinic Field Representatives all over the world.

"This website is a monumental achievement and a valuable resource," declared Rabbi Menachem Genack, Chief Executive Officer of OU Kosher. "The OU is the industry leader in the world of kosher. We work with other kosher agencies and local *va'adim* (rabbinic organizations) to raise the standards of kosher in America and throughout the world. The new website will provide the kind of information that kosher professionals and other interested individuals will find informative and extremely helpful in keeping up with the changes in products and processes that impact on kosher certification and the *halachic* implications of these developments."

The site includes both audio *shiurim* (lectures) and articles on a range of topics. These include technical articles, information about the latest changes in equipment and food technology, *halachic* questions, and practical solutions to issues that arise in kosher supervision.


The website is directed at four audiences:

- **Kashrut professionals**, both from OU Kosher and other agencies, to help them in their work of kosher supervision;
- **Semicha** (rabbinical) students and *talmidei chachamim* (students of Talmud) in general, who are interested in the practical world of *halachah* and the application of centuries of Jewish law to modern technology;
- **Community rabbis**, who can use the site as a resource for lecturing to their community and answering the questions of their congregants; and
- **The general public**, for a behind-the-scenes look at the intricate and complicated world of kosher supervision.

The website is now available online. It is supervised by Rabbi Yonatan Kaganoff, OU Rabbinic Coordinator. He can be reached at 212-613-8283 or kagany@ou.org.



RFR IN THE NEWS



Hagaon Harav Aharon Leib Shteinman (center) with Rabbi Eliyahu Valt, Chief Rabbi of Sao Paulo, Brazil (on Rav Shteinman's right). Rabbi Valt serves as  RFR in Brazil.

**IS IT KOSHER?
ASK THE**



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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Registration is closed for the
3 week internship program.
There are a few spots available
for the one week

ASK  8

Kashrus Training Program
August 21-25

כל הקודם זכה!

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FROM THE REVIEW DEPT.

Dear Mashgichim, Shlita

At the Mashgiach conference on Monday, May 1, Rabbis Juravel and Price spoke briefly about an initiative within the Review Department. Each Mashgiach and RC has been asked to submit a list of plants that he feels warrants a review. In addition to the plant name and contact information of the plant manager, please state the reason you feel the review is necessary. This will guide us in coordinating and scheduling the review. All submissions should be emailed to kreviews@ou.org or faxed to 212-613-0694. Thank you.

APPRECIATION FOR COOPERATION

Dear Rabbi Genack, שליט"א

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the ongoing help and cooperation I have been getting from all levels of the OU in the work of the Guide to Chodosh. This is especially noteworthy at this time, when I am trying to upgrade the standards of what should be listed as Yoshon in the Guide. Much new information has to be ascertained, and the OU, due to its primary role in kashrus, is especially important in this effort.

Rabbi David Gorelik has been very cooperative as my OU liaison over many years. In the recent past I have been piling many more requests on him than before due to the current upgrading effort. He continues to accept all my challenges in good cheer and to respond in a professional and timely manner. Please extend to him and your other staff my sincere thanks.

Yoseph Herman, *Guide to Chodosh*

PUBLICATIONS

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- Sells in book stores for \$10 – special price for *The Daf HaKashrus* readers of \$8.50 which includes shipping costs.
- To order please call Rabbi Grossman at 914-391-9470, 212-613-8212 or email grossman@ou.org, fax 212-613-0621.

MAZAL TOV TO ...

our devoted Rabbinic Coordinator **RABBI YONATAN KAGANOFF AND HIS WIFE** on the birth and Bris of their son, Menachem Nachum.

our devoted RFR in Ottawa, ONT, Canada **RABBI LEVY TEITTEBAUM AND HIS WIFE** on the birth of their daughter, Menucha Rochel.

צאתכם לשלום...

to Rabbi Dovid Cohen who is moving to Chicago and will be working for the CRC there. Rabbi Cohen will not only be missed by readers of *The Daf HaKashrus* to which he contributed greatly through his well written articles which combined excellent research together with unusual clarity. He will be sorely missed, as well, by everyone at the © for efficiently and clearly codifying the *Psokim* of the *Poskim* at the © for all to follow. We wish him much success in his future endeavors on behalf of Torah, Kashruth and Klal Yisroel.

דף השנה י"ד - A YEAR OF THE DAF - תונשל"ב"ע

