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Community Information

Persimmons from Israel - Please be aware that persimmons from Israel are currently shmitta produce which have passed the time of biur. Purchasing persimmons from Israel should be avoided.

Mandarin Oranges - Some stores in the USA are selling mandarin oranges from Eretz Yisroel. Aside from issues with teruma and maaser, there may also be an issue of shmitta. Purchasing mandarin oranges without reliable kosher certification should be avoided.

Star-K's ongoing Telekosher Conference Series for consumers is scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon EST, hosted by Rabbi Zvi Goldberg. To join the conference, call 1-605-475-8590 and enter conference 528-5502 followed by the # key. Now also accessible online - go to www.star-k.org/telekosher for details.

Star-K 6th Annual Kashrus Training Program - Star-K's Kashrus Training Program will be held Monday, July 20 through Thursday, July 23, 2009. This intensive seminar, held at Star-K's offices in Baltimore, MD, is limited to 25 students - rabbonim, kollel fellows, and others serving as klei kodesh- who have studied Yoreh Deah. In addition to lectures, audio-visual presentations and a hands-on practicum, several field trips are planned.

Women's Mashgicha Conference - Star-K is planning a two-day training program in our corporate office for women currently employed as mashgichos worldwide. The curriculum will include kashrus procedures, insect checking and visits to food service establishments. This program is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2009, if there is sufficient interest. For more information, please contact Rabbi Goldberg at 410-484-4110 or star-k@star-k.org.

Consumer Alerts and Information

Go Bananas naturally flavored Snapple - Please be advised a limited quantity of Snapple naturally flavored Go Bananas made by Snapple Beverage Corp. has been inadvertently labeled OK Pareve. This product is kosher but contains milk (as stated in the ingredients) and is Dairy. Labels are being corrected.

Philadelphia Spinach and Artichoke Cream Cheese Spread and Athenos Artichoke & Garlic Hummus Spread- Please be advised that as of April 1, 2009, OK Kosher Certification no longer certifies Philadelphia Spinach and Artichoke Cream Cheese Spread and Athenos Artichoke & Garlic Hummus Spread. These products do not currently bear the OK or OK-D symbol.

Mincha at the STAR-K office building is Mon. - Thurs. at 1:50 p.m.

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