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Dear Friends,

We are writing to share with you an exciting development about kashrut in our community. We are now certifying as kosher several local vegan/vegetarian restaurants: Everlasting Life in Capitol Heights, Evolve Restaurant and Vegaritos in Takoma Park (DC), Sweet and Natural in Mount Rainier, Khepra's Raw Food Juice Bar in DC, and Indian Delight and the Chatpat Truck in DC.

We view this certification as a service to the broader Jewish community, and we are not accepting any compensation for our services.

In order for this project to grow and encompass other establishments we need to arrange for ongoing mashgichim (kosher supervisors) for other restaurants. This position is entirely voluntary and mashgichim are not permitted to accept compensation in any form. Even though there is no financial benefit it is a great service to the community and we believe that you will receive a spiritual reward.

Please contact us if you are available to serve in this capacity. Community support is vital to the success of this project.

If you would like to make a donation to the synagogue to support our efforts then we encourage donations to be made to our Communal Thanksgiving Dinner and/or our Communal Passover Seder. Donations may be made online at ostns.org/donate.

B'tavon,

Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld

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