

Purchasing Chametz After Pesach



VAAD HARABONIM OF GREATER WASHINGTON POLICY ON CHAMETZ AFTER PESACH 2018

It is prohibited *Rabbinically* to purchase *Chametz* after *Pesach* from a Jew who maintained *Chametz* in his possession over the course of the holiday of *Pesach*. This is referred to in *Rabbinic* literature as *Chametz She Avar Alav HaPesach*. The definition of *Chametz* is any product that consists of the five major grains including wheat, barley, oat, rye, or spelt in a significant concentration.

There is no prohibition to purchase *Chametz* from a non-Jew who was in the possession of *Chametz* over *Pesach*.

The list below consists of establishments where one may and may not purchase *Chametz* after *Pesach*. The stores listed which one may purchase from immediately following *Pesach* are either because there is no Jewish ownership, or because a valid sale of *Chametz* by the Jewish owner to a non-Jew under the auspices of a Rabbi was executed.

The stores listed where one may not purchase *Chametz* immediately after *Pesach* are either Jewish owned or supplied.

The list below is the most current as we go to print. Please understand that new information may become available as *Pesach* approaches.

We suggest that you please contact your *Rav* for any further clarification or understanding relating to the issue of *Chametz* after *Pesach*

Chametz may be purchased from the following stores immediately after Pesach 2018

- **All Capitol K establishments and caterers**
- **National stores**
B.J.'s, Costco, C.V.S., Food Lion, K-Mart, Mars, Petco, PetSmart, Royal Farms, Rite-Aid, Save A lot, Sam's Club, Sam's Discount Warehouse, Save A' Lot, Shopper's food, Trader Joe's, Walmart, Wegmans, Walgreens, Win Dixie
- **Stores in our community**
Aldi's, H-Mart, Harris Teeter, Mom's, Shop Rite of White Oak, Whole Foods
Chametz may only be purchased from **Snider's** beginning four weeks after *Pesach*.

Due to possible *Chametz* distributed by a Jewish company, if one has an option of purchasing *Chametz* from other stores, it is *commendable* not to purchase *Chametz* from **Giant, Safeway, and Target** until four weeks after *Pesach*.¹

¹ Note from Rabbi Weinberg: If you would like further explanation of this please speak to me. Also, please note that this is a commendable practice to avoid chametz in these stores right after Pesach but there is still much to rely on to buy at these stores. Certainly, one may buy non-chametz products such as produce at these stores. If one finds themselves in a bind and they must buy actual chametz from these stores it is permissible.