

# Purchasing Chametz After Pesach



## VAAD HARABONIM OF GREATER WASHINGTON POLICY ON CHAMETZ AFTER PESACH 2019

It is rabbinically prohibited to purchase *Chametz* after Pesach from a Jew who maintained *Chametz* in his possession over the course of Pesach. This is referred to in rabbinic literature as *Chametz She'avar Alav HaPesach*.

A product is defined as *Chametz* if it consists of any 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 possession of *Chametz* over Pesach.

The list below consists of establishments where one *may* and *may not* purchase *Chametz* immediately after Pesach. Stores from which one *may* purchase immediately following *Pesach* have no Jewish ownership or a valid sale of *Chametz* (by the Jewish owner to a non-Jew under the auspices of a Rabbi) was executed. Stores from which one *may not* purchase *Chametz* immediately after Pesach are Jewish owned or supplied and a valid sale of *Chametz* was not performed. 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 contact your Rabbi for any further clarification or understanding of the issue of *Chametz* after Pesach.

### **Chametz may be purchased from the following stores immediately after Pesach 2019:**

- All Capitol K establishments and caterers.
- National stores:

Aldi, BJ's, Costco, CVS, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Kmart, Petco, PetSmart, Rite Aid, Royal Farms, Save-A-Lot, Sam's Club, Shoppers Food and Pharmacy, Trader Joe's, Walgreens, Walmart, Wegmans, Whole Foods Market, Winn-Dixie

- Stores in our community:

H Mart, MOM's Organic Market, ShopRite of White Oak

### **Chametz may not be purchased from the following stores immediately after Pesach 2019:**

- Snider's: *Chametz* may only be purchased beginning four weeks after Pesach.

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

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<sup>1</sup> **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.