

Letter from Rabbi Nissim Davidi (From the RCC) about Purchasing Chometz after Pesach

As a courtesy, we are providing you with the following information:

- All RCC-supervised establishments have sold their Chometz and one may buy from them after Pesach.
- It has been determined that one may buy Chometz from the following supermarkets /outlets:
 - § Albertson's
 - § Big lots
 - § Bristol Farms
 - § Coffee Bean
 - § Costco
 - § CVS
 - § Food 4 Less
 - § Gelson's
 - § Jetro / Restaurant Depot (even though the CEO and COO are Jewish, it is owned by a German group i.e. Metro.)
 - § Kmart
 - § Longs drugs
 - § Meir's Produce
 - § Nuts & More
 - § Ralphps /Kroger
 - § Rite Aid
 - § Safeway
 - § Sam's Club
 - § Seven Eleven
 - § Smith's
 - § Target
 - § Trader Joe's
 - § Vons /Pavilions
 - § Walgreens
 - § Wal-Mart
 - § Whole Foods Markets

Ø We were not successful in convincing 99 Cent Only Stores to do a Mechira this year.

Ø We have no information on Erewhon this year.

It has been brought to our attention that Smart and Final stores are owned by an entity that is subject to "Sale of Chometz" . we are not aware of an Machira having been executed. Therefore, Real Chometz may not be purchased until Lag Baomer (May 2, 2010)

Following are examples of "Real Chometz" and may not be purchased until above date:

Bread
Cake
Cereals with primary ingredient of: oats, wheat or barley Cookies Pasta Pretzels Rolled Oats

It is reasonable to assume that freshly baked and delivered items at S&F, manufactured by outside companies which are not Jewish-owned, are permissible 10 days after Pesach.

Following are examples of products that are not Halachically considered "Real Chometz" and may be purchased:

Barley
Flour WITHOUT malted barley as an ingredient Food coloring Ketchup Mayonnaise Mustard Pickles Vanillin Vinegar (from unknown source) Yeast and yeast extract

· Additionally, a Mechirah was done for the following establishments*:

- Ø Sadaf / Soofer Company
- Ø Wine & Liquor Depot
- Ø West Pico Foods