

December 14 - 21, 2018
6 - 13 Tevet 5779
Shabbat Vayigash



Service Schedule

Friday, December 14
7:30 AM Morning Minyan
Hot Breakfast Served
6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
4:07 PM Candle Lighting

Saturday, December 15
10:00 AM Shabbat Services
10:30 AM Shabbat Kehillah

Sunday, December 16
8:30 AM Morning Minyan

Weekday Minyans
Monday - Friday 7:30 AM



NOTE:

If you would like to attend an evening minyan, please join our friends at Rodeph Sholom. Their weekday Mincha-Maariv services begin at 5:45 PM except for Sunday which is at 6:00 PM



A new Adult Bat Mitzvah class has been requested by several people. We would like to schedule a meeting for those who might be interested.

If you are interested in finding out more, please send an e-mail to Jackie Eskin at jmeskin@aol.com.



A LOT OF THE BREAD IN THE US WILL NO LONGER BE KOSHER

BY BEN SALES DECEMBER 11, 2018 5:05 PM

NEW YORK (JTA) — The largest baking company in the United States will be removing kosher certification from nearly all of its bread and rolls. Bimbo Bakeries USA confirmed to JTA that it will be removing the certification. The company produces brands including Arnold, Sara Lee, Stroehmann, Freihofer's and others. Two of its major brands, Entenmann's and Thomas, will remain certified kosher. So, kosher eaters, your crumb doughnuts and English muffins are still safe. A couple of rye breads also will retain their certifications.

"Removing the kosher certification from some of our products was strictly a business-process decision to enable more efficient operations, and it was one we did not make lightly," Bimbo said in a statement. "Thomas' and Entenmann's products as well as Arnold's and Levy's Rye Breads will remain kosher-certified. It is important to note that we have heard our consumers' concerns and are working with kosher certification organizations and discussing alternative solutions."

The company did not say when the decision will take effect, and the kosher certification agencies do not know, though they assume it will be sometime next year.

The decision will make it much harder for those outside major Jewish population centers to buy kosher bread, say executives at the Orthodox Union and Kof-K, the kosher agencies that certify the vast majority of Bimbo's kosher products in the U.S. Rabbi Ari Senter, Kof-K's kosher administrator, said the agency has received hundreds of concerned calls since the decision was first reported earlier this month.

"We've been hearing from a lot of consumers that they're concerned about this," said Rabbi Menachem Genack, the rabbinic administrator of the O.U.'s kosher division, the largest in the country. "If you live throughout the United States, it's not always so easy to get kosher bread. In terms of kosher bread, Bimbo plays a critical role."

Genack explained that the decision stems from a mix of corporate efficiency and obscure kosher laws: Bimbo wants the flexibility to produce its breads on the same factory lines as breads that contain dairy products. Because traditional Jewish law says meat and dairy products cannot be consumed at the same meal, breads for the kosher market must be strictly nondairy unless they appear and are marketed as obviously dairy — like cheese bread, says Senter.

"Their primary concern is one of flexibility within their plants, that they can produce it on other lines that are not necessarily designated for kosher," Genack said.

Both agencies are in ongoing conversation with Bimbo hoping to salvage some more kosher brands and clarify when the changes will take effect. Until then, most breads remain kosher certified.

Bimbo Bakeries USA is the U.S. division of Grupo Bimbo, the Mexican company that is the world's largest bakery. The company, whose name is pronounced "Beem-bo" and is derived from the Italian word "bambino," capped an aggressive move into the U.S. market with its 2011 acquisition of the Sara Lee Corp.

According to KosherFest, a large trade show of kosher foods, there are 1.3 million year-round Jewish consumers of kosher foods in the United States and 35 million non-Jewish consumers of kosher products. According to the Mintel market research firm, more than 40 percent of new foods launched in 2014 claimed to be kosher.

Ben Sales is a reporter for JTA covering religion, politics, culture, society and economics. A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, he is the former editor-in-chief of New Voices, the national Jewish student magazine.



Important Upcoming Events



ADULT JEWISH ART SILKSCREEN WORKSHOP

WITH ARTIST AND RABBI YITZCHOK MOULLY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 12:30 PM
NO CHARGE. PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE AS SPACE IS LIMITED.

This workshop gives participants the chance to make their own Jewish art masterpiece using provided silkscreen methods. All supplies are included along with guidance and assistance by Mouly. It is fun, creative and satisfying. A wonderful way to create your own masterpiece or tailor a gift made by your own hands.

Silkscreen gives participants the opportunity to create their own piece of art in a comfortable non pressured environment. The process of silkscreen is a printing method done by hand with minimal equipment. The process allows each participant to print a prepared image onto a canvas, creating a recognizable yet unique piece of art.

About Yitzchok Mouly:
Yitzchok Mouly is a conceptual artist whose work explores the intersection of spirituality and the material world we live in. Having grown up in Melbourne, Australia, with a few formative years in Hasidic Brooklyn, Mouly brings together the disparate colorful worlds of his hippie upbringing and Hasidic culture, resulting in a unique palette of colors and ideas. Mouly uses silkscreen and painting in his process but is careful not to be limited to any one medium, rather he is constantly seeking out new modes of expressions to convey his ideas.

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Congregation Rodeph Shalom invites you to join us in welcoming

Josh Cohen
 Northeast Director of B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO)

Sunday, December 16
2:00 p.m.


Josh will discuss local issues of anti-Semitism in schools and the teen response.

This important program is open to the community, free of charge.

Adults and teens are welcome.

No RSVP required.

This program is sponsored by and will be held at
 Congregation Rodeph Shalom
 2385 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
 203-334-1049




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[12/16 Jewish Art Silkscreen Workshop](#)

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