

Navigating Hashgachos In Israel

Can ONLY be used after carefully reading guidelines

General Guidelines

-This list is just a starting point to give very general guidance. To properly navigate Hashgachos in Isarel be in touch with a Kashrus expert familiar with the Israeli Hashgachos scene.

-This list is divided by levels of the Hashgacha's reliability. **We only recommend Hashgachos within the categories of excellent - good.** Within each level, some Hashgachos might be better than others. Ask a kashrus expert for more guidance.

-Don't just identify a logo on this list. Read the description of that category and the fine print under the logo for details.

-Our recommendation is for products that are Dairy/Pareve. For meat, see inserted text box below for a partial list of raw meat & poultry which are on a good level. At times a Hashgacha that generally isn't on the best level for many things, will be acceptable for their raw meat and/or poultry certification.

-For restaurants- Since they are more challenging to oversee, it is best to eat somewhere under a higher level Hashgacha.

-Even if eating out dairy or Parve you need a reliable Hashgacha, especially in Israel (Terumah, ma'aser...).

-When inquiring about Kashrus, do not rely solely on what you're being told. Make sure to always see an actual original valid certificate that is not expired, which is certifying that exact location. In addition, read the certificate carefully, since many times it can contain important information as to what is actually certified in that establishment, as well as details of products used there (Shechita...). A mere image of a Hashgacha logo means nothing.

-When shopping at a grocery store or gas station etc. after Pesach, make sure the store sold all its Chometz properly.

-Produce in grocery stores needs to be under a reliable Hashgacha due to Orlah, Shmitah concerns. Make sure to see an actual valid certificate for that specific store/ location.

-Bug sensitive produce, even with a reliable Hashgacha on the packaging, many times still needs washing/checking. Read the fine print near the Hashgacha for additional information.

-At times a place certified by a weaker Hashgacha can be ok to eat at, if after proper research you feel comfortable with the Mashgiach in charge and he tells you the Hashgacha of all products used in that particular establishment, and you confirm that they are all certified by reliable Hashgachos.

-Even if a place advertises to only use an excellent Hashgacha's ingredients, it doesn't mean anything, unless a strong reliable Hashgacha is certifying that statement.

-Even if a Hechsher states the words Badat"z, Mehadrin or Mehadrin min HaMehadrin, it doesn't mean anything, still confirm that it is an approved reliable Hashgacha.

-Mehuderet is not acceptable at all. Mahadrin min Hamehadrin isn't any better than the regular Mehadrin term.

-At times a very diligent Rov may be giving his Hashgacha on a product that is just on a basic level of kosher, make sure the product is on a proper standard before consuming it.

-If a Hashgacha isn't listed here, don't assume that it is acceptable. Confirm with a kashrus expert whether it's approved.

-A Hashgacha may have extremely high standards, but still isn't acceptable since it lacks the resources to properly implement & enforce those standards.

- In many cases, if a product is manufactured outside of Israel, even if it has a very good Hashgacha, it will need more investigating before being approved.

-Beware! Many Hashgachos can sound similar, but be very different in their reliability. Make sure the Hashgacha you see matches the exact name and logo design that's on this list.

-This list was updated in Sivan 5784. Check with a Kashrus expert familiar with Israeli Hashgachos for most recent info.

Raw Meat & Poultry

Meats & poultry on a high level— any meat with a Hashgacha listed as excellent or very good is on a high level.

Acceptable Raw unprocessed meat & poultry in its original sealed packaging— Badat"z Kehilos, Badat"z Agudas Yisroel are on a lower but yet acceptable level.

Acceptable Raw unprocessed poultry in its original sealed packaging— Badat"z Yoreh De'ah— Rabbi Machpud for poultry only is on a lower but yet acceptable level.

Excellent Hashgachos

High level for everything. Including restaurants and products made outside Israel



Rabbi Landau's
Hashgacha
Bnei Brak



Badat"z
Yerushalayim
Eidah Chareidis

Very Good Hashgachos

Generally very good. Pay extra attention to restaurants and products made outside Israel



Badat"z
Mehadrin-
Rabbi Rubin



Badat"z Tzfas
(NOT
Rabb. Tzfas
Mehadrin)



Rabbi Efrati



Badat"z
Pe'er Hakashrus



Rabbi
Ashkenazi
Kfar Chabad



Rabbi M.
Bistritzky
Personal Logo



Va'adat Mehadrin
Tenuva-
Only this combined
va'ad when overseen
by Rabbi Gross

Good Hashgachos (partial list)

Generally recommended.



Badat"z Tzanz
Netanya



Rabbi
Seckbach



Rabbi
M. Gross
Not on Matzah



Badat"z
Igud Rabbanim
Manchester



ZNT- Zichron
Nosson Tzvi



Badat"z
Rabbonei
Hakrayot

Fairly Good Hashgachos (partial list)

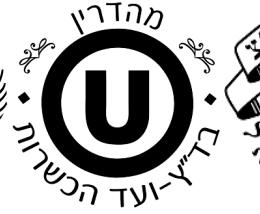
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Badat"z
Yoreh De'ah
Rabbi Machpud



She'eiris Yisroel



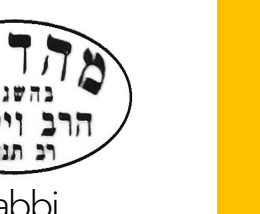
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Mehadrin Products



Badat"z
Agudas
Yisroel



Rabbi Dov
Landau



Rabbi
Vaitman
Mehadrin

Mediocre Hashgachos (partial list)

Generally weak. Avoid unless given expert guidance.



Badat"z
Birkat Eliyahu



Machzikei
Hadas- Belz



Badat"z
Kehilos



Badat"z
Chareidim



Chasam Sofer
Bnei Brak
NOT Petach Tikvah



Rabbi Shmuel
Berger
Mishkoltz

Subpar Hashgachos (partial list)

Generally not acceptable. May be fine at times. Ask Kashrus Expert.



Rabbanut
Yerushalayim
Even Badat"z Mehadrin



Badat"z
Beit Yosef



Badat"z
Neveh Tzion



Badat"z
Yerushalayim-
Bnei Tzion



Rabbanut
Tzfas
Mehadrin



Badat"z
Yerushalayim-
Eidah Sefaradit



Rabbi
Aurebach
Tveryah

Not Acceptable Hashgachos (partial list)

Not acceptable at all. May be fine at very rare occasions. Ask Kashrus expert.



Chasam Sofer
Petach Tikvah



Badat"z Shatz
Ashdod



Badat"z Rupshitz
Yerushalayim



Badat"z Agudas
Chareidim
Yerushalayim



Udvary
Kashrus



Rabbi Pinchas
Meyers-Hager
Kashrus



Kashrut
Tzohar



Igud
Harabbanim
B'Yisrael



Triangle K
Rabbi Rablag



Rabbanut
of any type
Even Mehadrin



Vaad Hakashrus
Ramat
Beit Shemesh



Badat"z Maor
Hakashrus
Rabbi Levinger

Any Rabbanut Hechsher is assumed to be not acceptable even if it's certified Mehadrin/ Mehuderet unless it's looked into & approved by a kashrus expert.