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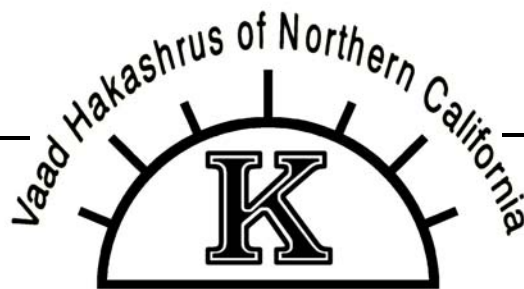
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## Application for Kosher Certification

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the following application to the best of your ability. The most important part of kosher food supervision is planning and communication. Please read the following forms carefully. The more completely you can fill out the forms, the easier, quicker, and less expensive, the process can be.**

All the best,

**Rabbi Bentzion Welton**  
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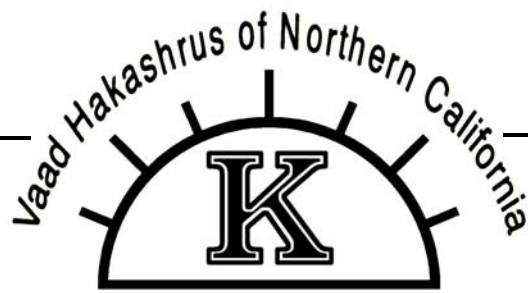
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## The VAAD – Who, what, why

*The Vaad Hakashrus of Northern California, also known as Northern California Kosher, is a community service organization whose mission is the maintenance of a high level of Kosher quality supervision. The word "Vaad" in Hebrew means association. It is composed of Rabbinic and lay leaders providing kosher certification, supervision, and inspection for caterers, wholesale and retail food vendors, and food production companies in Northern California.*

*Currently the VAAD supervises 9 eating establishments, 18 food production facilities, 7 caterers who are always kosher, and has supervised over 110 events with over 40 different caterers, who are kosher upon demand. (A complete directory is available upon request)*

*Formed along the lines of similar organizations in Jewish communities throughout the world, the Vaad was founded in the winter of 1996 after discussions for several years regarding the need for improved kosher standards in Northern California.*

*The Vaad Standards equal, or exceed, those set for the kashrus world by the OU, the OK, and other leading kosher certification agencies. Consumers eating in VAAD establishments, or partaking of VAAD certified kosher foods, can be assured of standards that would be acceptable in any major kosher center around the world, be it New York, Los Angeles, or Jerusalem. Likewise, tourists from all over the world who come to see the wonders of Northern California, also feel comfortable, knowing that they can enjoy standards equal to what they have back home.*

*Because the VAAD is the major local, regional kashrus agency for Northern California it provides several benefits to local companies and community alike. 1) Cost is minimized, since all the Rabbis are local. 2) Communication is easy and many times several rabbis can be available. 3) Familiarity with the territory is assured, both in terms of geography, but politically, and economically as well. 4) Breadth of knowledge and input is provided from the various resources in the community and beyond.*

*The Rabbinic Administrator of the VAAD is Rabbi Levy Zirkind, Executive Director of Chabad of Fresno. He has been immersed in issues of kosher supervision for the last twelve years, and is respected nationally for his work by the OU, OK, Star-K, KSA and other national kosher supervision agencies. He received rabbinical ordination from Tomchei Tmimmim Lubavitch, in New York City, and is a member of Agudas Harabbonim of the USA and Canada.*

*The Supervision Coordinator, Ben-Tzion Welton, one of the founders of the VAAD has worked for several of the national kosher supervision agencies for over 13 years. (OU, OK, KOF-K, KSA, etc) He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from City College of New York and Rabbinical ordination from Ayshel Avraham Rabbinical Seminary, in Monsey, New York.*

*The other rabbis on the Executive Board of the VAAD, and those supporting the VAAD, are from kosher-observant institutions throughout Northern California. Together, they give the Vaad the strong community base in seeking the highest level of kosher supervision. These include:*

*Rabbi Yitzchak Feldman, Rabbi of Congregation Emek Braca, in Palo Alto, CA  
Rabbi Aaron Rosenbleeth, Judaic Studies Principal at the Hebrew Academy in S. Francisco, CA  
Rabbi Hillel Scop, Director, Chabad of Southern Marin, Mill Valley, CA  
Rabbi Noach Vogel, OU Representative and Director of the Almaden Torah Center, S. Jose, CA  
Rabbi Shlomo Zarchi, Rabbi of Congregation Chevra Thillim, S. Francisco*

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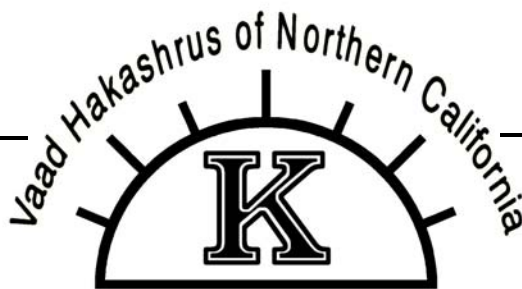
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## Steps for Kosher Certification

1. **Request application** - Initial discussion, general outline
2. **Submission of application** - Details of ingredients, equipment, and manufacturing process
3. **Preliminary inspection** - Official inspection of entire company upon return of the application. Preliminary inspection may or may not require fee. Expenses may be charged to the company.
4. **Certification inspection** - upon payment of set-up fee, senior VAAD personnel make certification inspection for on-site review of kosher status. Set-up fee requires a minimum of \$500, plus any necessary expenses.
5. **Final review** - After this review the full requirements for kosher supervision will be outlined. This includes the frequency of continuing supervision, the need for kosherization, or other procedures that may be required before certification can occur
6. **Contract offered** - At this point an estimate of the total fees and a contract will be offered to the company.
7. **Compliance** - The Company must then sign the contract and comply with all the requirements, including payment of fees.
8. **Certification** - Upon completion of the above. A kosher certificate is issued. Supervision begins.

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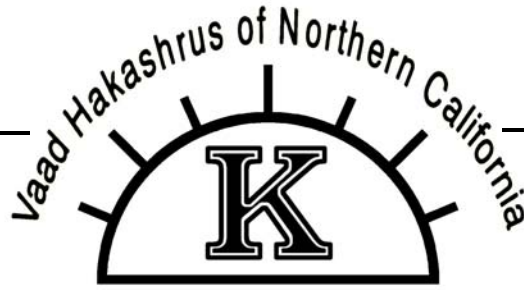
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## APPLICATION FOR KOSHER CERTIFICATION

DATE OF APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

WHO REFERRED YOU TO THE VAAD \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL# \_\_\_\_\_ FAX# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF PRODUCTION FACILITY (If more than one, attach on a separate sheet)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL# \_\_\_\_\_ FAX# \_\_\_\_\_

LIST OF FINAL MENU TO BE CERTIFIED (Attach menu if possible)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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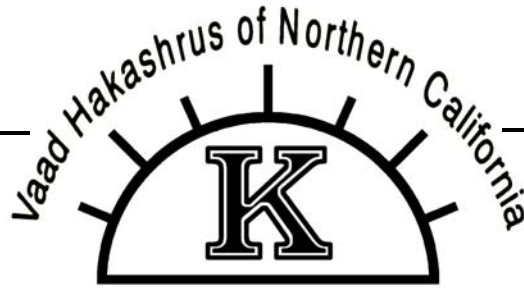
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## INGREDIENTS LISTING

Please fill out the following form to the best of your ability/current knowledge for each product to be certified.

1. For each product, list the ingredients and/or processing agents.

2. EXPLANATIONS:

*SYMBOL: kosher certification symbol/or Rabbi*

*STATUS: e.g. pareve, dairy, dairy equipment, and other relevant food factors*

MENU ITEM	Ingredient	Manufacturer	Kosher symbol	Kosher status

For additional listings, use more pages

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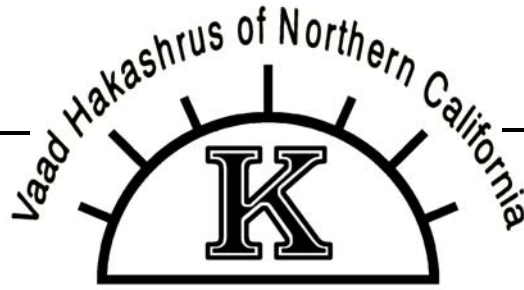
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## Other questions or comments

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