

# KOSHER IN *Sri Lanka*



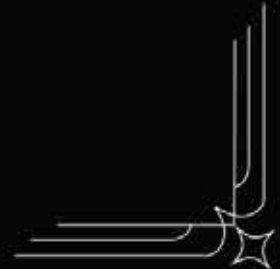
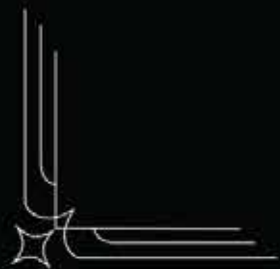
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# DIRECTORY

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## MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL HEAD

Thank you to all those users of this directory. We created it to promote the amazing products of a vibrant Sri Lanka!

My family owes a debt of gratitude to Sri Lanka, or Ceylon as it was called then. My father & his parents escaped Nazi Austria in the early days of WWII and found transit and safety in this port during stormy days of war and chaos. They spent the balance of the war in Shanghai and eventually were accepted as refugees in the USA, where my family now lives.

I have the fondest memories of my early excursions to this amazing country.

I started with Kosher certifying field processed pickles in the early 2000's.

Security was still a serious concern, but I was able, even then, to feel the vitality of Sri Lanka and the promise of a bountiful export harvest to come.

We thank our educational partner, the EDB, where their support in creating educational opportunities is so important to lay the path toward future growth & employment for all Sri Lankans.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy & safe year.



**Joel Weinberger**

President – PS Kosher Food Works Inc.

## MESSAGE FROM COUNTRY HEAD

As we begin 2025, we are proud to present the 5th Edition of the Kosher in Sri Lanka Directory. This milestone reflects the dedication of the food and beverage industry in supporting Kosher-certified products.

The past year has been one of change and growth for me, both personally and professionally. Following the passing of my dear husband, Ivan Luke Peiris, I have taken on his role as Director - Operations for Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and East Africa. It is an honor to continue his vision of expanding Kosher certification in these regions.

For 18 years, we have worked closely with the Sri Lanka Export Development Board and the National Chamber of Exporters to support food and beverage exporters through awareness seminars and training. On 22nd November 2024, we successfully hosted Connect Colombo, an awareness session on Kosher certification led by Rabbi Joel Weinberger, President of PS Kosher Works Inc., with over 50 participants.

Additionally, we participated in the 52nd IPC in Colombo, a key platform for industry collaboration, and the Profood Propack & Agbiz 2024, where we engaged with potential clients and promoted Kosher certification. Today, Sri Lanka has over 100 Kosher-certified manufacturing facilities—an achievement we can all be proud of.

This year's directory features a special article on the history of Jews in Sri Lanka, highlighting their contributions to our country's heritage.

As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening the Kosher sector. I hope this directory serves as a valuable resource and supports the continued growth of our exporters.

Wishing everyone a successful and prosperous 2025!



### **Audrey Peiris**

Director – Operations

Sri Lanka, Pakistan & East Africa

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# SRI LANKA EXPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD THE SRI LANKAN PRIDE ACROSS THE WORLD



The Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB) is proud to support the growth of the Kosher industry by facilitating Sri Lankan exporters in meeting global Kosher standards. As the country's leading export promotion agency, we recognize the significance of Kosher certification in expanding market access and creating new opportunities for our exporters.

The increasing global demand for Kosher-certified products provides Sri Lankan businesses with a competitive advantage in niche markets. To support this, we appreciate the efforts of PS Kosher Food Works Inc. in certifying Sri Lankan products, ensuring compliance with international Kosher standards.





This catalogue highlights Kosher-certified Sri Lankan companies, connecting international buyers with reliable suppliers. Through quality, authenticity, and certification excellence, the EDB remains committed to strengthening trade partnerships and expanding Sri Lanka's presence in the Kosher market.



**Sri Lanka Export Development Board**  
42, Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 02,  
Sri Lanka

# KOSHER IN SRI LANKA DIRECTORY 2025

NAME OF COMPANY	CONTACT DETAILS	PRODUCTS	KOSHER CERTIFIER
<b>Adam Carbons Ltd</b> 264, Grandpass road, Colombo 14, Sri Lanka	<b>Dr Ali Gulamhusein</b> 077 735 5270 abc786110abc@gmail.com www.adamcarbons.com	Granular Activated Carbon Powdered Activated Carbon	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Adamjee Lukmanjee &amp; Sons (Pvt) Ltd.</b> 140/5, Grandpass Road, Colombo 14 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Minosh Dewapura</b> (94) 777 340 798 exportbiz@adamjeelukmanjee.com www.adamjeelukmanjee.com	Coconut, Spice & Fruit Products	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>A.F. Jones Exporters Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd</b> No 330, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Shameer Rasooldeen</b> (94) 773 934 066 shameer@cmg.lk www.jonestea.com	Teas	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Basilur Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd.</b> 143/6 Weedyabandara Mawatha, Colombo Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Hemantha Perera</b> (94) 11 254 9500 Ext. 202 (94) 71 894 3311 hemantha@basilurtea.com www.basilurtea.com	Teas	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Bughary Bio Spices (Pvt) Ltd</b> No. 24, Nuwaratenna Road, Wattegama, Kandy	<b>Mr. I Shabeeb</b> (94) 812 476 414 (94) 77 703 0032 bshabeeb@bugharybiospices.com www.bugharybiospices.com	Spices	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Baraka - Bio Extracts (Pvt) Ltd</b> 672/4, Mayura Mawatha, Off Maligawa Road, Ratmalana.	<b>Mr. Mohamed Ishan Abdeen</b> (94) 779 385 247 / 772 459 494 (94) 11 4656801 ihshan@baraka.lk www.barakanaturals.com	Black Seed Herbal Products, Virgin Coconut oil and Essential oils	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>C. D. de Fonseka &amp; Sons (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No. 37, Eluwila, Panadura Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Dilanga De Fonseka</b> (94) 77 731 6531 dilanga@cddef.com www.cddef.com	Coconut Products	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>C.W. Mackie PLC.</b> 36, D.R. Wijewardena Mawatha Colombo 10	<b>Mr. Nalin Jayasinghe</b> (94) 11-232-4762 (94) 77-739-2049 nalin@export.cwmackie.com www.cwmackie.com	Desiccated Coconut	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>

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<b>CBL Foods International Pvt Ltd.</b> No 135, Habarakada Road, Ranala, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Rajeewa Weerasingha</b> (94) 773135145 rajeewaw.pf@cblk.com www.cblk.com	Organic Rice Crackers	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>CBL Global Foods (Pvt) Ltd</b> No. 145, Colombo Road Alawwa, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Randeewa Malalasooriya</b> (94) 772538771 randeewam.nf@cblk.com www.cblk.com	Organic & conventional Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>CBL Natural Foods (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No.156/2, Aweriwatte Road, Heenatiyana, Minuwangoda, Sri Lanka	<b>Ms. Darshika Jayasekara</b> (94) 77758 8057 darshikaj.nf@cblk.com www.cblnaturalfoods.com	Coconut, Spices & Fruit Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Ceylon Plant Foods (Pvt) Ltd.</b> Bujjampola, Lihiriyagama, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Aasibdeen</b> (94) 31 226 0744 (94) 76 148 0267 info@ceyplalk.com / export@ceyplalk.com www.ceylonplantfood.com	Coconut, Spices & Fruit Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Ceylbee International Private Limited</b> No:156/A, Liyagemulla, Seeduwa, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Roshan Perera</b> (94) 770467811, (94) 715761818 roshan@ceylbee.com www.beenaturalorganics.com	Coconut products Herbs Spices	<b>London Beth Din Kashrut Division</b>
<b>Coco House (Pvt) Ltd.</b> Bubulawatta, Haldaduwna Dankotuwa Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Prabath Fernando</b> (94) 31 2265428 (94) 77 3135752 prabath@chl.lk www.chl.lk	Coconut Products	<b>Kosher Check</b>
<b>Cocotana Coconut Products,</b> No:10, Batapaththala Junction, Katana, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Keith C Paulusz'</b> (94) 312240106 (94) 711581715 keith@cocotana.com www.cocotana.com	Coconut Products	<b>OK Kosher</b>

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<b>Consolidated Business System Ltd,</b> 184/2, Kaolin Refinery Road, Werahera, Borelasgamuwa Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Shanthi Wijesinghe</b> (94) 112516142/5 (94) 777314098 cbsltd1@sltnet.lk / ShanthiW@cbsltdlk.com www.cbsltd.lk	Coconut Products	Singapore Kosher
<b>Desicolanka Exports</b> 26/1 Deal Place 'A' Colombo 3 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Lakshman Rajapakse</b> Tel: (94) 11 2 57 57 05 Mobile: (94) 777 683 583 Email desico@isplanka.lk Web www.desicolanka.com	Coconut Products	Kosher Check
<b>Empire Teas/ Empire Brands (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No 190/1, Siri Sumana Mawatha, Kelanimulla, Angoda, Western Province, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Lushantha De Silva</b> (94) 112 549 001 (Ext. 222) (94) 777398144 lushantha@empire.lk www.empireteas.com	Teas	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Ellawala Horticulture (Pvt) Ltd,</b> No 14, Carlwil Place, Colombo 03 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Chanaka Ellawala</b> (94) 11 2575756 (94) 77 7634553 export@tjcmango.com Web: www.tjcmango.com	Fruits & Spices Products	Kosher Check
<b>EOAS Organics (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No 34/3, Lumbini Avenue, Ratmalana, Western Province, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Chamila Perera</b> (94) 112722223 (94) 777442434 eoas@sltnet.lk; eoasorg@gmail.com www.eoasorganics.com	Spices & Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Eswaran Brothers (Teas) Pvt Ltd</b> No 104/11, Grandpass Road, Colombo 14 Western Province Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Prasad Arunachalam</b> (94) 112423268/ (94) 777310775 prasad@eswaran.com www.eswaran.com	Teas	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>

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<b>HDDDES Extracts Pvt Ltd</b> <b>H.D.De Silva &amp; Sons Pvt Ltd</b> 2, Police Park Avenue Colombo 05 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Gehan De Silva</b> (94) 11 2438739 (94) 777344877 gehan@hddes.com <a href="https://hddes.com/">https://hddes.com/</a>	Essential Oils, Oleo Resin, Spices;Ceylon Cinnamon	<b>London            Beth Din            Kashrut            Division</b>
<b>Heritage Teas (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No 96, Ambatale Road, Kohilawatte, Wellampitiya Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Revanke De Silva</b> (94) 115605000 (94) 714943763 revanke.desilva@heritagegroup.lk <a href="http://www.heritagegroup.lk">www.heritagegroup.lk</a>	Teas	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>Hero Nature Products (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No 49, Industrial Estate, Dankotuwa, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Noel Neris</b> (94) 312265200 (94) 773065899 noel@herozip.com <a href="http://www.heronature.com">www.heronature.com</a>	Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>HJS Condiments Limited</b> Block 61, 61A, 62 & 63, Biyagama Export Processing Zone, Biyagama Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Ananda Pathirage</b> (94) 112465271 (94) 773295017 ananda.pathirage@hjs.hayleys.com <a href="http://www.hjs-srilanka.com">www.hjs-srilanka.com</a>	Fruits & Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>Imperial Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd</b> No 121A, Biyagama Road, Kelaniya Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Pradeep Bandara</b> (94) 112904000 (94) 779195886 pradeepb@impratea.lk <a href="http://www.impratea.com">www.impratea.com</a>	Teas	<b>KF Kosher</b>
<b>International Commodity Exports</b> No 148/1, Kynsey Road, Colombo 8 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Arithra Silva</b> <b>Ms Praharsi Wickramasekara</b> (94) 33 73 89377 (94) 703293326, (94) 704383031 arithra@silvermillgroup.com praharsi@silvermillgroup.com <a href="http://www.silvermillgroup.com">www.silvermillgroup.com</a>	Spices	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>




Adam Carbons Limited is a leading manufacturer and exporter of high-quality activated carbon, BBQ briquettes, shisha briquettes, and activated carbon desiccant sachets.



With its own state-of-the-art plant spread across 13 acres, the company is committed to providing premium products that cater to both commercial and individual clients. Adam Carbons' activated carbon products are widely used for filtration and purification applications, while their shisha briquettes are expertly crafted to elevate the smoking experience. Additionally, their BBQ briquettes offer the perfect solution for grilling, ensuring a superior cooking experience. Desiccant sachets are utilized for effective odor removal by absorbing moisture and preventing the growth of mold, mildew, and bacteria that contribute to unpleasant smells.

The company's dedication to excellence is reflected in its impressive range of licenses and certifications, including CDA, Precursor, and Environmental licenses, alongside global quality standards such as ISO 9001:2015, NSF/ANSI/CAN 61, Halal, and Kosher certifications. Adam Carbons Limited focuses on delivering consistent quality, reliability, and customer satisfaction across all product lines, ensuring that every client receives the highest level of service and premium products, meeting diverse needs with precision and care.



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<b>Jafferjee Brothers</b> No 150, St. Joseph's Street, Grandpass, Colombo 14 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Mufaddal Jafferjee</b> (94) 112 432 051 (94) 777 315 997 mufaddal.jaff@jb.lk www.jaftea.com www.tereval.com	Teas	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Jaindi Export (Pvt) Ltd,</b> No. 47, Industrial estate, Mawathagama, Dankotuwa, Sri Lanka	<b>Ms. Ganga Maduwanthi</b> (94) 312 265 607 (94) 773 259 511 ganga@econutrena.com www.econutrena.com	Coconut Products	<b>Earth Kosher</b>
<b>Joint Agri Products Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No. 333/B, Weboda Road, Udupila, Delgoda, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Chathura Abeyrathna</b> (94) 112 190 005 (94) 77-954-2872 chathura@japc.lk www.japc.lk	Coconut Products Dehydrated Fruits Spices	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Kandetiya Agro Products (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No 01, Industrial Park, Makandura, Gonawila60170 , Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Shimzar Ajeez</b> (94) 11 257 4441 (94)773439632 shimzar@kaplk.com www.yarafoods.com	Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Kelani Valley Canneries Ltd</b> No.436, Kaluaggala, Hanwella Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Chammika De Silva</b> (94) 112423554, ext - 308 (94) 777 277 934 chammika@export.cwmackie.com www.cwmackie.com	King coconut water	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Kelani Valley Plantations Plc</b> No.400, Deans Road, Colombo 10 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Ranil Fernando</b> (94) 773 850 125 ranil@kvpl.com www.kvpl.com	Rubber	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Lihini Nature Products (Pvt) Ltd</b> No. 870, St. Jude Mawatha,Katuneriya, Marawila, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. W.W.S.M Fernando</b> (94) 7035536371 infor@lihininature.com www.lihininature.com	Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>

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<b>Lumbini Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd</b> Pallegama, kolawenigama, Deniyaya, Matara, Southern Provice,81500, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Chaminda Jayawardana</b> (94) 714 571 190 chaminda@lumbiniteavalley.com www.lumbiniteas.com	Teas	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Mabroc Teas (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No. 57/3, New Hunupitiya Road, Kiribathgoda Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Lalantha Peiris</b> (94) 773 469 650 (94) 117 878 700 lalantha@mabroctecas.com www.mabroctecas.com	Teas	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Manchiee De Coco Products</b> Amaragiri Estate, Loluwagoda, Mirigama, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. K. J. Manchanayake</b> (94) 33 224 1192 (94) 77 358 3218 info@manchiee.com www.manchiee.com	Coconut Products	<b>Kosher Check</b>
<b>MA's Tropical Food Processing (Pvt) Ltd.</b> 30, Gothami Road, Colombo 8	<b>Mr. Mario De Alwis</b> (94) 722 244 554 mario@mas.kitchen https://mas.kitchen/	Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Navik Mills Pvt Ltd;</b> Kolaeliya rd; Nandimitragama, Pallama.	<b>Ms. Ganga Maduwanthi</b> (94) 773 259 511 ganga@econutrena.com www.navikmills.com	Coconut Products , Fruit based products	<b>London Beth Din Kashrut Division</b>
<b>New Lanka Global Export (Ptv) Ltd</b> Karandeniya Industrial Zone Yatagala, Karandeniya, Southern 80360 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Amila Siriwardena</b> (94) 772 622 196 amila@newlankacinnamon.lk https://newlankacinnamon.lk/	Spices	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Nexpo Conversion (Pvt) Ltd.</b> 36, Old Kesbewa Road, Raththanapitiya, Boralessgamuwa	<b>Mr. A. M. J. Bandara</b> (94) 77-760-6211 (94) 11-451-5177 (94) 11-573-7292 amjbandara@outlook.com www.nexpoextracts.com	Spray dried Coconut Powder	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>

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<b>Nestlé Lanka PLC</b> 440 T. B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Dishan Wijayawardena</b> (94) 11 2699991 (94) 77 359 6511 dishan.wijayawardena@lk.nestle.com Web: <a href="https://www.nestle.lk/">https://www.nestle.lk/</a>	Coconut Milk Powder 15kg	<b>Manchester Beth Din</b>
<b>Reitzel Walker (Pvt) Limited</b> Rice Mill Complex, Ulhitiya, Girandurukotte, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. A. R. M. D. Kasun Rathnayake</b> (94)777551176 , (94) 764427880 kasun.rathnayake@reitzel.lk	Process Fruit & Vegetables (Gherkin in Brine/Vinegar/A cetic	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd,</b> 359, Biyagama Road, Kelaniya Sri Lanka.	<b>Mr. Damitha Gammampila</b> (94) 114 713 518 (94) 773 507 016 damitha@regencyteas.com www.regencyteas.com	Teas	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Renuka Agri Organics (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No.69, Sri Jinarathana Road, Colombo 02 Sri Lanka	<b>Ms. Suhashini Chandramohan</b> (94) 112314750-5 (94) 718691792 suhashinic.agri@renukafoods.com www.renukafoods.com	Coconut Prouducts	<b>London Beth Din Kashrut Division</b>
<b>Renuka Teas Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No.69, Sri Jinarathana Road, Colombo-02 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Chaminda Karunaratne</b> (94)112685266 (94) 717455699 chamindak.tea@renukafoods.com www.renukafoods.com/ www.trenute.com	Teas	<b>London Beth Din Kashrut Division</b>
<b>S.A. Silva &amp; Sons Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.</b> 148/1, Kynsey Road, Colombo 8 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Amitha Silva Mr Sudhira Anthony</b> (94)117389377 (94) 717881204 amitha@silvermillgroup.com sudhira@silvermillgroup.com www.silvermillgroup.com	Coconut Prouducts	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>

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<b>Samagi Organics Pvt Ltd.</b> 42A, Matara Road, Akuressa Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Leel Prasanna</b> (94) 77-732-8002 leel@samagiorganics.com www.samagiorganics.com	Spice & Essential Oils	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>Samagi Spice Exports Private Limited,</b> Beragama Road , Makandura , Matara Sri lanka	<b>Mr. Nanda Kohona</b> (94) 412 268 551 (94) 760 284 461 nanda@samagispice.com www.samagispice.com	Spices	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>Sri Lanka Natural Spice and Herbal Products</b> Arangala Naula Matale Naula, Central Province Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Lalith De Soyza</b> (94) 773 637 778 (94) 662 246 758 srilankanaturalspice@gmail.com www.maarjihherbalproducts.com	Spices	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>Sena Mills Refineries Exports Pvt Ltd</b> No. 40, New Kelani Bridge Road, Orugodawatta, Wellampitiya Colombo, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Sandun Wickramanayake</b> (94)770118417 sandun@smrconsolidated.com www.smrconsolidated.com	Coconut Oil	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>Silvermill Natural Beverages (Pvt) Ltd.</b> No 148/1 Kynsey Road Colombo 08 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr Upendra Illanco</b> (94) 337389377 (94) 706990121 upendra@silvermillgroup.com www.silvermillgroup.com	Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>Sindbad (Pvt) Ltd.</b> 47, 10th Lane, Centre Road, Off Borupana Road, Ratmalana Sri Lanka	<b>Ms. Farah Zarook</b> (94) 77-296-1652 (94) 11-263-2261 (94) 11-262-3788 farah_sinbad@sltnet.lk www.sindbadlanka.com	Teas	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>
<b>SipCraft PVT LTD</b> No 68/1A, Ambagahalandha Hunumulla, Central Province, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Chamika Ekanayaka</b> (94) 0764687536 chamika@sipcraftbev.com www.sipcraftbev.com	Carbonated fruit drinks	 <b>Star-K            Kosher</b>






Kelani Valley Plantations PLC ([www.kvpl.com](http://www.kvpl.com)) is a leading Natural Rubber producer in Sri Lanka, having its own plantations exceeding 3,500Ha.

Fractioned Unbleached Natural Rubber manufactured under Star-K Kosher standard was introduced aiming at the Food industry. This grade of rubber is one of the purest forms available as it has been manufactured after removing the proteins naturally present in the Rubber to a bare minimum.



### Our Facilities



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<b>St.Anne's Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd</b> No 3/3, Rockwood Place, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Wanniarachchige Pramuditha Damsara</b> (94) 761924321 (94) 701363641 connect@cocoana.com www.cocoana.com	Coconut Products	Kosher Check
<b>Sunfrost Pvt Ltd / CocoLife by Hayleys</b> Hunuwilm Pannala, Kurunegala, North Western Province Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Ananda Pathirage</b> (94) 112465271 (94) 773295017 ananda.pathirage@hjs.hayleys.com www.hjs-srilanka.com	Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Tahoma Coconut Products Pvt Ltd</b> Nirmala Matha Mawatha, Kaluwarippuwa East, Katana. Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Chamal Prassana</b> (94) 777 920 055 prasanna@tahoma-coconut.com	Coconut Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Tropical Health Food (Pvt) Ltd</b> 65, Jethawana Road, Colombo 13 Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Priyanga Dematawa</b> (94) 11 229 6363 (94) 76 693 0682 priyanga.dematawa@dimolanka.com www.miditer.com	Fruit Products	 <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Tropikal Life International (Pvt) Ltd</b> No 127, Mabima Road, Heiyanthuduwa, Biyagama. Sri Lanka.	<b>Mr. Mafaz Munaz</b> (94) 11 453 6536 (94) 77 362 3791 mafaz@tropikal.life www.tropikal.life	Fruits & Coconut Products	Kosher Check
<b>Union Commodities (Pvt) Ltd</b> No. 79, Biyagma Road, Talwatta, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Dominic Rajarathnam</b> (94) 77 2932102 (94) 76 3483853 Dominic.r@unicomtea.net www.unicomtea.com www.cocofera.com	Coconut Products	Kosher Check
<b>Virco International Pvt. Ltd,</b> Seegiriswatta, Mawathagama, Sri Lanka 60060.	<b>Mr. Nipuna Illangarathne</b> (94) 71 819 5254 nipunai@virco.lk https://virco.lk/	Banana, Black Pepper, Black tea, Cardamom Cassava Flour, Cassava Powder, Cassava Starch	Kosher Check

NAME OF COMPANY	CONTACT DETAILS	PRODUCTS	KOSHER CERTIFIER
<b>Virgin Oil International (Pvt) Ltd</b> Bulugahawatta Estate, Palugahawela Katuwellegama. Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Priyanga Dematawa</b> (94) 11 229 6363 (94)766930682 priyanga.dematawa@dimolanka.com www.miditer.com	Coconut Products	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Walters Bay Tea Estates Pvt Ltd</b> 16, Sethsiri Mawatha, Aththidiya, Ratmalana. Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Angelo Wickramasuriya</b> (94) 77 732 7097 AngeloW@waltersbay.com	Teas	★ <b>Star-K Kosher</b>
<b>Waguruwela Oil Mills (Pvt) Ltd.</b> Waguruwela, Welpalla, Pannala, 60206 Sri Lanka.	<b>Mr. Janith Gunawardana</b> (94) 77 260 2603 (94) 76 668 8223 janith@waguruwelamills.com www.waguruwelamills.com	Coconut & Green Banana Products	<b>London Beth Din Kashrut Division</b>
<b>Wayamba DC and Oil Mills (Pvt) Ltd.</b> Indiwinna Estate, Welpalla, 60206, Sri Lanka.	<b>Mr. Chanmith Herath</b> (94) 77 7708286 (94) 31 2297411 chanmith@wayambadcmills.com	Desiccated Coconut Products	<b>Kosher Check</b>
<b>Wichy Coconut</b> No107, UDA Industrial Estate, Katuwana, Homagama, Sri Lanka.	<b>Mr. Mark Pereira</b> (94) 76 568 7562 mark@wichy.com <b>Ms. Shalini Gunagasa</b> (94)74 285 7822 shalini@wichy.com	Coconut Products	<b>Kosher Check</b>

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**Skype call with  
Luke and Audrey**



# In Memoriam: Ivan Luke Peiris

28 May 1961 – 22 April 2024

We remember Luke, STAR-K's Director of Pan Asia Sales and Marketing, who passed away on April 22, 2024. His warmth, dedication, and love for Israel and the Jewish people left a lasting impact. Luke's hard work was instrumental in STAR-K Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia's success, and he will be deeply missed



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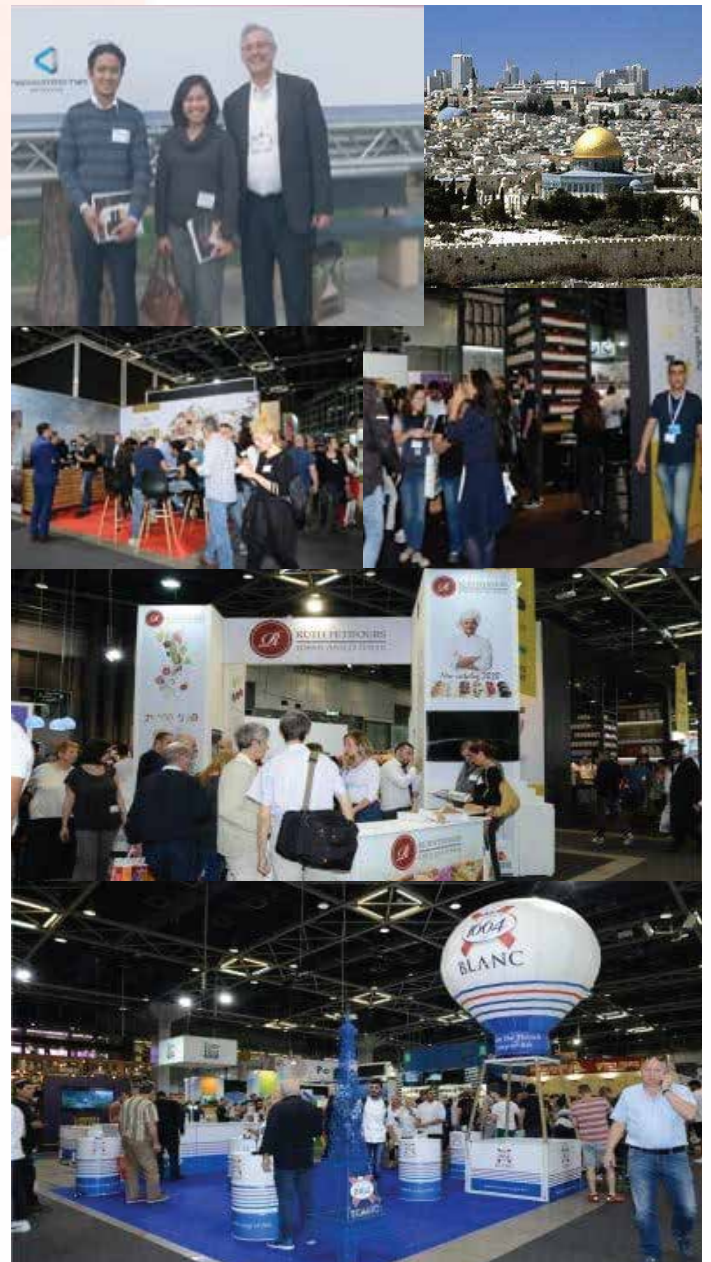
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A display case of certified Sri Lankan products will also be set up at the Sri Lankan Embassy in Bnei Brak, Israel allowing industry professionals to learn more about our offerings even after the exhibition.

To strengthen connections between producers and buyers, we are also considering a reception on the evening after the exhibition. This event will be a great chance for networking, discussions, and potential business deals.

We look forward to showcasing the best of Sri Lanka and creating new trade opportunities!

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# Jewish Presence in Sri Lanka: A Historical Overview

The known history of the Jews in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) begins at least in the ninth century BCE. Jews living in the neighbouring Kerala as well as Yemen had connections with those living on the island.

## ● ANCIENT HISTORY

Jews have had a presence on the island nation since at least the 9th century or even earlier. Sri Lanka was already known to Jews living in Kerala as early as the 3rd century BC. Yemeni Jewish traders used to visit Sri Lanka for trade. In the 10th century, Abu Zeid al Hasan, an Arab Muslim traveller from Siraf, Persia, stated that there were "a great number of Jews" in Serendib, as Sri Lanka was known to the Arabs.

It has also been said that Jewish links with Sri Lanka could go back thousands of years. The city of Galle in southern Sri Lanka was said to be the biblical Tarshish where King Solomon, in 1000 BCE, once shipped elephants, apes, peacocks, jewels and spices. Cinnamon was exported from 1500 BCE.

## ● MODERN HISTORY

In the 12th century, Benjamin of Tudela, a Sephardi Jew (Jews of Spanish and Portuguese descent) who was a medieval adventurer from Navarre, in present-day Spain, reported that there were 3,000 Jews in Sri Lanka.

These early Jews in Sri Lanka either assimilated into the local population over the centuries, or, upon the arrival of the Portuguese in the early 16th century, were forced to abandon their faith and identity (leading to an assimilation in more recent centuries) or slaughtered in an extension of the Portuguese Inquisition.

Neither practising Jews, nor people who preserved a knowledge of being descendants of Jews, appear to have survived from that early period, although Jewish lineages may be present. Holders of the "de Fonseka" and the "de Alwis" surname in Sri Lanka may be the mixed descendants of "[Fonseca, de Olivera (surname)]" surnamed people, which is commonly associated with Sephardi Portuguese Jewish origins. The other famous known Jewish origin descendants would be the "Alkegamas". Their history could also be traced back all the way down to the colonial times in Ceylon.

Contrary to the enumeration of Jews in the colonial census records of the neighbouring British India and their larger numbers, there was no big Jewish community on record in British Ceylon. The colonial census of 1911 recorded only eight Jews living on the island. In Ceylon, Jewish administrators did not play a significant role unlike India. An important exception was Leonard Woolf, who worked in the Ceylon Civil Service between 1904 and 1911. However, Woolf was a known atheist and anti-religious during his time in the country.

Their rituals and practices have mixed Hindu and Jewish elements and this can be witnessed in their marriages but as the community slowly thins out the Hindu element has taken prominence over the Jewish. Dr. Fiona Kumari Campbell, Deshamanya Tissa Devendra and Dr. Tuan Zameer Careem Khan are among the few academics who have done significant researches on the Jewish community in Sri Lanka, while author Carl Muller has researched on the Jewish connection of the Dutch and Portuguese Burghers in Sri Lanka.

## ● FAMOUS JEWS IN SRI LANKA

- Sir Sidney Abrahams, British-born Chief Justice.
- Rhoda Miller de Silva, American-born journalist and communist (sister of Howard Fast).
- Jeanne Hoban Moonesinghe, British-born journalist, trade unionist and Trotskyist (Jewish maternal grandfather)
- Edith Gyömrői Ludowyk, Hungarian-born psychoanalyst, feminist and historian of Buddhism.
- Ven Nyanaponika Thera, (Siegmond Feniger) German-born Sri-Lanka-ordained Theravada Buddhist monk, co-founder of the Buddhist Publication Society
- Anne Ranasinghe, German-born poet.
- Hedi Stadlen Keuneman, Austrian-born musician and communist.
- Bella Sidney Woolf, British-born author, writer of the first pocket guidebook to Sri Lanka, wife of Wilfrid Thomas Southorn, sister of Leonard Woolf.
- Leonard Woolf, British-born political theorist, author and civil servant, husband of Virginia Woolf.
- Baron Solomon Benedict de Worms (1801–1882), oversaw large plantations in Sri Lanka with his brothers Maurice and Gabriel.

Gabriel Benedict de Worms (1802–1881), German-born planter, candidate for the Legislative Council of Ceylon, brother of Maurice Worms, nephew of Nathan Meyer Rothschild.

Maurice Benedict de Worms (1805–1867), German-born planter, established Rothschild Estate in Sri Lanka, brought first tea plants to Sri Lanka from China, brother of Gabriel Worms, nephew of Nathan Meyer Rothschild.

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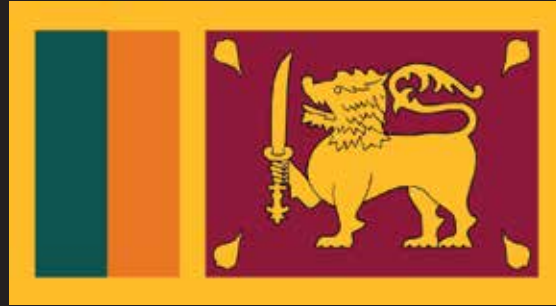
## ● CONCLUSION

The Jewish presence in Sri Lanka has a long and varied history, with early connections stretching back to the ancient world. While the community has significantly diminished over time, remnants of Jewish influence can still be found in Sri Lanka's cultural and familial history.



This Chabad Sri Lanka Photograph shows the Jewish Synagogue in Colpetty, Colombo-3 Sri Lanka. This building has been replaced by Sasakawa Hall

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