## KITCHEN GUIDELINES - UPDATES AND ADDITIONS

(Please add this to your handout.)

**About Kosher Cheese** There are different opinions in the conservative movement about what cheeses are kosher. We have accepted the opinion that cheeses <u>made in America</u> (not imported), even if they contain rennet, have been adequately processed such that all traces of meat are non existent, and therefore may be used as a kosher dairy product. Congregants are also encouraged to buy cheeses marked with a hechshire whenever available.

**Koshering the oven** is done by either running it on the self-cleaning setting, or cleaning it thoroughly and running it on the highest temperature for 30 minutes.

**Koshering any items** – if they are <u>entirely metal</u> can be accomplished by pouring boiling water over them or immersing them in boiling water. If the item has a handle, or is a cutting board etc. it must be washed and put away, <u>out of use, for at least a year</u>. Remember that porous items can not be koshered. Dishes used for baking, such as Corningware, porcelain items, and stoneware, can not be koshered. Pyrex and glass are kosher.