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The OU is proud to announce our first ever certification of kosher ovens for use on Shabbos and Yom Tov. Through a collaborative effort between our newly formed OU Division of Technology, Zman Technologies and GE Appliances, these ovens allow for maximum use of the oven on Shabbos and Yom Tov, with the complete and uncompromising OU standard of certification.

Today, both regular and hi-tech ovens present serious halachic concerns that many are unaware of or are uncertain how to deal with. For example, in some ovens the fire will turn off if the oven door is left open too long, and it will turn back on when the oven door is closed. Even opening for a short time might cause the thermostat to turn on the fire. When using the OU certified Shabbos Keeper attachment from Zman Technologies, one may open or close their oven door at any time, without concern that it may cause a fire to go on or off. Before Shabbos and Yomtov, the Shabbos Keeper takes over the controls of the oven, and it follows a new set of instructions that have been looked over and approved by the Poskim of the OU as well as many other Gedolei Yisroel. Many modern ovens have sensors that function behind the scenes, even when the screen is deactivated, but the Shabbos Keeper removes all doubt. It has many other useful features as well. The Shabbos Keeper has a built in 30-year calendar that will alert you before Shabbos and Yomtov when it is time to be turned on. It has a warming feature that maintains the oven on "warm" so that food placed in the oven before Shabbos will stay hot the entire Shabbos. It also has a separate cooking setting for Yom Tov, as well as many additional features that will enhance your Shabbos and Yomtov. It is fully certified by the OU in strict compliance with Halacha.

Sincerely,



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