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INTRO TEASER	(Cool, hip music)
STYLE EDGY & ON PURPOSE	(Cool, hip music)
CU – OUR HOSTESS – SUSIE FISHBEIN	SUSIE Hi, I'm Susie Fishbein – I'm a chef, a writer
	and I love cooking kosher. We'll begin this new
	series KOSHER UNLEASHED in the middle
MED- CUSTOMER	of an industrial community at what has set the
	bar for kosher food standards and is quickly
	becoming the Mecca for foodies everywhere.
SERIES OF QUICK CUTS -	(VO) Imagine a place that has
■ MEATS	a world class meat section featuring the
	tastiest cuts around
■ CHEESES	the world's largest kosher collection of
■ SUSHI	handcrafted cheeses
	incredible surprises like great sushi
■ PRODUCE	an expansive collection of the freshest
	produce showcased in one location
■ VALET SERVICE	curbside personal parking service
STOCK FOOTAGE – FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS	Despite decades of steady progress, the fact of
	the matter is the quality of our nation's food
	supply has not improved over the past 3 years.
MEAT INSPECTIONS	For this reason, the promise of a higher
	standard of food safety and healthy eating is
FOOD SAFETY REGULATORS	attracting more and more people to kosher food.
	(SHOW THEME MX)
TITLE SEQ: "KOSHER UNLEASHED"	

Pomegranate FADE IN: MED - SUSIE FISHBEIN SUSIE (ON-CAMERA) So What is kosher food any way? MISC. CLIPS OF PEOPLE-OFF-THE-STREET ANSWERING QUESTION [sound bites with several randomly selected people-off-the-street answering the question: What is kosher food?] MED - SUSIE FISHBEIN (ON-CAMERA) Strictly speaking kosher means simply "fit to eat" and in modern terms it mean prepared SEQUENCE OF PHOTOGRAPHS according to Jewish religious practices and the highest standards of food safety. Sure the technician supervising the food is a rabbit but he is also an expert in food handling and preparation. Actually, a very small percentage of those buying people buying kosher do it for religious reasons. (VO) **B-ROLL SHOPPERS** 

ECU – PARVE LABEL

MED CU - SUSIE

AS SHE HOLDS UP A CAN WITH KOSHER LABEL ON IT

For the shopper, it means purity of ingredients. For example, the "parve" label means without a doubt there's no meat or dairy product or byproduct.

(ON-CAMERA)

The "kosher" reputation is stretching into all areas of the food industry and; with a brand recognition synonymous with integrity, reliability and purity...

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B-ROLL SHOPPERS AT DIFFERENT GROCERY STORES	(VO)it's easy to see why so many people are buying kosher.
EXT. POMEGRANATE STORE FRONT SUSIE IN THE FOREGROUND WITH POMEGRANATE BUSY WITH SHOPPERS IN THE BACKGROUND	At your average grocery store, 40 percent of the food sold has a kosher symbol on it.  (ON-CAMERA) Here we are in the Midwood Community of Brooklyn New York at what has really become the epicenter of Kosher Unleashed it's a store known simply as Pomegranate.
INT. POMEGRANATE SUSIE PUSHES A SHOPPING CART UP TO A DISPLAY OF SPECIALTY ITEMS	Pomegranate is one hundred percent kosher and offers a truly one-of-a-kind one-stop shopping experience. There's everything from hard-to-
NEW ANGLE – SUSIE PICKS UP A PRE- PACKAGED PRODUCT	find gourmet specialty itemsto traditional pre-packaged goods. Each department of this spectacular store offers an unparalleled selection of groceries. Let's take a
MONTAGE SEQ.	look! (VO)
PRODUCE	The Produce Section will knock your socks
	off. I mean it's a showcase and <u>breathtaking!</u>
BAKERY	there's a very busy on-site bakery with a full
	selection of breads, challah, and a delicious
	variety of exquisite cakes, pastries and desserts.

(MONTAGE SEQ. CONT.)	
BUTCHER SHOP	(VO) contthe full service butcher shop You won't
	find better meats or aged beef any where else in
	the world
APPETIZERS	The Appetizers? You'd have to go to Israel to
	find anything close to this complete selection
	of olives
CHEESES	Specialty cheeses are imported or hand-
	crafted in Pomegranate's very own Dairy
	Kitchen
FISH	The luscious fish offering is hand selected
	every morning at the fish market and includes
	the kind of sushi bar that would make a samurai
	envious.
WIDE – SUSIE SITS AT THE SUSHI BAR	(On-Camera)
	Wait! Sushi? Can gourmet sushi be kosher? Yes
	it can and
	(taking a bit)
	O' These fresh raw creations literally melt in
	your mouth.
VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS	(VO)
	Pomegranate is the brainchild of Abraham
STOCK FOOTAGE OF 1930'S IMMIGRANTS	Banda – a refugee from war torn Europe who
	has built everything on a strong work ethic and
MORE PIX OF ABRAHAM AND HIS BUSINESS VENTURES	a good head for business. He wanted to
	transform the chore of shopping for groceries
	into a fun exciting experience.

WIDE - SUSIE ONE OF THE KITCHEN AREAS IN THE DISTANT BACKGROUND

(On-Camera)

Some of the things that make Pomegranate unique are its three separate kitchens staffed by incredible gourmet chefs.

MED 2 SHOT – ABRAHAM WALKS WITH SUSIE FISHBEIN THROUGH THE EXTRA WIDE AISLES AND LEADS US TO ONE OF THE KITCHENS.

(VO)

Abraham told me their purchasing manager

Yoly Schoenfeld scours the world for the best foods. If it's not kosher, they'll make it kosher.

He then took time to give me a guided tour of this culinary treasure island.

ABRAHAM GIVES SUSIE A TOUR THROUGH THE KITCHENS

SHOWING SOME OF THE FOOD BEING PREPARED WITH FRESH NATURAL INGREDIENTS

[ABRAHAM'S GUIDED TOUR WITH SUSIE FISHBEIN]

(VO)

Designed on the idea that a healthy customer is a happy customer, Pomegranate has its own recipe to insure foods are kosher, flavorful and taste homemade. The fundamental ingredients? State-of-the-art kitchens and specialty chefs using fresh natural ingredients.

CHEFS WORKING IN THE KITCHEN

ECU – FRESH ROSEMARY & THYME

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ABRAHAM & SUSIE ABRAHAM BANDA IN THE MEATS KITCHEN (quasi-ad lib) Take our meats, for example. They come from a special slaughterhouse in the Midwest known for its superior quality. The same goes for the specialty markets where we buy the best freshest quality fish. It is difficult to explain the differences in meat, fish and poultry, but you can actually see the difference. Of course, the ultimate clincher is the taste. INT. KITCHEN CHEF DAVID or CHEF MEIR (VO) PREPARING DISHES FOR SHABBOS Abraham believes that having their own kitchens is the only way to give customers products that are prepared like homemade **CHEF DAVID** foods. Chef David who prepares the dishes for Shabbos and the Yomin Tovim comes from a family that has been preparing these traditional foods for 3 generations. CU - CHEF CAUGHT NOSHING CHEF #1 (eating, then to CAMERA) Quality Control... WIDE - CHEFS IN THE KITCHEN CHEF #2 (quasi ad-lib) We believe even the best can be improved upon. We're constantly experimenting with new ideas, often using suggestions from the customers to improve a dish.

CU – NOSHING AGAIN	CHEF #1
	(to CAMERA)
	Yeah, we have to taste everything one of the
	fringe benefits.
[Abraham interacting with customer]	[Abraham interacting with customer]
	ABRAHAM BANDA
	(VO) I have had the good fortune of having a certain
	amount of success in business and that carries a
	responsibility to give back to the community.
	And our responsibility to our customers –
	whom we love come from this community of
	people a community that we're very much a
	part of
	SUSIE
CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION	(VO)
PHOTOS	Giving back is a core value of Pomegranate and
	a visitor sees examples of this in many ways.
HOME VIDEOS	
	In the first year of business, Pomegranate has
	sponsored a number of charitable events
	including Hatzolah – a non-profit organization
GRAPHIC: HATZOLAH MEANS "RESCUE" OR "RELIEF"	that was founded in Brooklyn.

### SUSIE

The domain name for this amazing store is THE POM PEOPLE and it is very fitting.

Pomegranate is all about the people...on both sides of the counter.

### CU – ABRAHAM BANDA

### ABRAHAM BANDA

The other day a customer walked out with a big order, and I said, "Thank you for choosing Pomegranate. And she said, "I want to thank Pomegranate for choosing me. I'm working for people like that."

# MONTAGE SEQ. – EMPLOYEES ON THE FLOOR, STACKING, INTERACTING WITH CUSTOMERS, WORKS AT THE TAKE – OUT DELIVERING ORDERS TO HAPPY PEOPLE

## SUSIE

## (VO)

Nothing in the creation of this store happened by accident and that's certainly true of the 150 employees – all of whom were personally selected for their ability to contribute to the Pomegranate family.

**SUSIE** 

(ON-CAMERA)

The Pomegranate family continues to grow and, after more than a year of being in business, no one has ever been fired. And although the code to work by is "everything better" and there is a real drive for constant and never-ending improvement (I mean you can feel it when you walk into the place), it's still a highly personable and warm culture where, despite the abundant level of culinary talent, egos never get in the way of making things better.

SUSIE

(VO)

Take for example, the Appetizer Chef Jacob Glauber. He grew up in the business of creating amazing mouth-watering appetizers. His father and grandfather have been appetizing for 40 years.

Still, he's always open to new ideas and learning new and better ways to create amazing appetizers. If a customer suggest a way to prepare a dish and it's better, he'll happily incorporate it.

SEQ. THE APPETIZER CHEF – JACOB GLAUBER

**PHOTOGRAPHS** 

CUSTOMER RECEIVING ORDER OVER THE DELI COUNTER.

B- ROLL OF CHEF JASON BECK	(VO) cont.
WORKING & INTERACTING WITH THE OTHER CHEFS	Jason Beck is Pomegranate's Executive Chef.
CHErs	Jason Beek is I officgrafiate 8 Executive Citer.
	He received his formal education at some of the
	world's top culinary schools and has worked
	along side some of the greatest chefs who ever
	lived.
CHEF BECK INTERVIEW CLIP	
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	question, "Why work at Pomegranate's when
	he could have his pick of fancy 5 Star
	restaurants?]
WIDE – CHEF BECK WORKING WITH OTHER CHEFS	(VO) cont.
	Chef Beck leads an extremely well staffed
DAVID PREPARES A SHABBO DISH	group of professionals that includes the
AL GOD OF AVIDED MANNING OVERED	fabulous <b>David Tirnauer</b> on Shabbos cuisine
JACOB GLAUBER MAKING CHEESE	and the awesomely talented Jacob Glauber on
CH. IA COD DUTTING THE EDUCATING	salads, dips and cheeses. Each of them
CU – JACOB PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON AN APPETIZER	committed to their craft and paying a great deal
	of attention to every detail. Working together,
DEALITY SHOT OF ADDETIZED DISH	they invest a lot of time in selecting only the
BEAUTY SHOT OF APPETIZER DISH	finest and freshest ingredients. The result? The
	most delicious dishes you'll ever taste.
ANGLE ON MECHI	
GRAPHIC: A.K.A THE MAN	There's Mechi – the Deli Guy
GIVATITIC, A.K.A TILL IVIAN	-who takes the time to know every customer by
	name. To him, there's more to a good deli than
	the quality of the food.

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B-ROLL SHOWING MECHI INTERACTING WITH OTHERS.	(VO) cont.  It's about their family connection. Believing that charity begins with what you love (in this case FOOD!), he helps wayward teens by feeding them both spiritually and physically.  The rest of the time he's out to debunk the myth that you can't mix work with pleasure.
	[Interview Mechi] (with each Chef Interview, tape them giving a tour of their kitchen and have them show how they make one of their house specialties and how they select their ingredients)
GRAPHIC: JJ THE FISH GUY 3 KIDS* FAVORITE SPOT IS BASEBALL  INT. FISH MARKET JJ MAKING HIS DAILY SELECTION	(VO) cont.  There's <b>JJ</b> – who knows everything there is to know about buying the best fish to the best ways to handle and prepare it. At 4 o'clock every morning he visits the fish mart to handpick the choicest selections.
INTERVIEW WITH JJ	[Interview JJ – be sure to ask him for pointers on selecting the best and freshest fish]

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**SUSIE** B-ROLL JJ & HIS CREW CLEANING UP THE (VO) cont. FISH DEPARTMENT AFTER A BUSY DAY His passion for fresh fish is equaled by his (FAST MOTION) commitment to cleanliness. His department doesn't smell like fish because he and his crew WIPE PAN TO: scrub it down every night before going home. PERFECTLY CLEAN AREA WIDE – JJ TURNS LIGHT OFF SHLOIME & GAFUR Shloime Eckstein and Gafur are the guys GRAPHIC: THE WALKING PRODUCE BIBLE responsible for the incredible produce. IF IT GROWS THEY KNOW ABOUT IT! 3-D GRAPHIC: - GAFUR Gafur is a Turkish Immigrant, has land back home where he has olive groves, 13 Pomegranate trees and loquat trees in abundance. As a Muslim who follows the Halal laws rigorously, he greatly values the kosher experience at Pomegranate and is one of its best customers. 3-D GRAPHIC – SHLOIME ECKSTEIN GRAPHIC: SHLOIME KNOWN AMONG Shloime commits himself to on-going learning. HIS CO-WORKERS AS A father of 4 kids, he appreciates the THE LIBRARIAN importance of offering tasty produce packed with nutrition.

B-ROLL ABRAHAM BANDA (VO) ABRAHAM BANDA I've always been blessed with a good business A TYPICAL WORK DAY MORNING sense. It served me well when I was a stock LEAVING HIS HOUSE broker, and it serves me well in the grocery ARRIVING TO WORK business. Where others see only problems, I see GREETING THE STAFF possibilities. GREETING THE CUSTOMERS When people heard I was planning to open an upscale store in a downward spiraling economy, many told me it wouldn't work. But I know that if you give people a great product they will respond... every time. MONTAGE OF REAL CUSTOMER REACTIONS [insert sound bites from random interviews with CU – VARIETY OF LICENSE PLATES Pomegranate customers sharing their WIDE - BUSY VALET PARKING experience shopping and why they come back]

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WIDE – BAKERY

MOVE IN ON SUSIE AS SHE'S SAMPLING SOME OF THE FOOD

**SUSIE** 

(ON-CAMERA)

And there you have it! A glimpse into food heaven right here on Earth and Brooklyn no less! Who would know?!

This is Susie Fishbein and join us again for another adventure with KOSHER UNLEASHED.

(an aside to someone behind the counter)

Can you really make that kosher?!