



Each year, we look forward to munching on our thin mints while we wonder about the origin of Girl Scout cookies and why they became kosher? Judging by the enterprising spirit of the Girl Scout troops we know, we assume the kosher certification was to expand sales. Quite a success story isn't it? You Go Girls!

Girl Scout Cookies began in the ovens of members with the help of their moms. The sale of cookies was a way to finance troop activities started in 1917 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. American Girl magazine, published by Girl Scout national headquarters, featured an article by Florence E. Neil, a local director in Chicago, Illinois. Miss Neil provided a cookie recipe for the council's 2,000 Girl Scouts. She estimated the approximate cost of ingredients for six- to seven-dozen cookies to be 26 to 36 cents. The cookies, she suggested, could be sold by troops for 25 or 30 cents per dozen. In the 1920s and 1930s, Girl Scouts in different parts of the country continued to bake their own simple sugar cookies with their mothers. These cookies were packaged in wax paper bags, sealed with a sticker, and sold door to door for 25 to 35 cents per dozen.

Girl Scout Cookies are now sold by the millions and are manufactured in kosher certified bakeries. Currently two commercial bakers are licensed by Girl Scouts of the USA to produce Girl Scout Cookies: ABC Bakers and Little Brownie Bakers. The cookies are for sale annually, from January through April.



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