

KASHRUT BULLETIN # 22

WHOEVER GUARD HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, GUARDS
AS WELL HIS SOUL FROM SUFFERING (Mishle 21:23)

A CRY FROM THE SATMER REBBE ZT'L

The person may ask: "What can I do if all I bring into my home are foods with a Kosher certification? Here, in the words of the Satmar Rebbe z.t.l. is the answer to this question: "It is heartbreaking to see how here, in America, everything is a business. The main thing among businessmen is to turn out the highest profit possible and disregard kashrut in the process. This is evident from the hashgachot as well, since many rabbonim give their hechsheirim to products where the pitfalls are numerous. This catastrophe came about since the entire process of kashrut and hechsheirim have also become a business. Therefore, the reliability of the Rav Hamachshir is automatically in question.

THE ONLY CONCERN IS PROFIT AND NOT THE FULFILLMENT OF G-D'S LAWS

In short, the Rebbe obm revealed that the manufacturers of the various food products have little or no regard whatsoever for kashrut. Their only concern is to produce efficiently and economically, earning the largest profits possible. Since the kashrut of the product has also become a business, the dependability of the Rav Hamachshir is meaningless. These few words of the Satmar Rebbe obm should be a lamp lighting the ways for kashrut observance in present times. Finally, we can learn from the above story how we must guard ourselves and our children from not only a known non-kosher food, but even from a food that may possibly be kosher but due to strictness we will not use it. In the merit of the careful observance of the mitzvah of kashrut may Hashem help all our children to be enlightened in Torah and yiras shomayim, and may we all merit to see the Mashiach speedily in our days. Amen!

WHY MASHIACH HASN'T COME

THE HOLY TZADDIK RABBI MENDEL MI KOTZK MAY HIS MERIT SHIELD US, USED TO SAY: I LOVE RABBI SHLOMO LEIB WITH A LOVE THAT COMES FROM THE SOUL, BUT ONE SMALL COMPLAINT I HAVE: "WHY HE SCREAMS TO THE KADDOSH BARUCH HU ALL DAY, THAT HE SEND THE MASHIACH, IT IS MUCH BETTER THAT HE SCREAM TO THE JEWS TO DO TESHUVA AND MASHIACH WILL THEN COME. ISN'T IT WRITTEN IN THE TORAH THAT G-D TOLD MOSHE: "WHY DO YOU CRY TO ME? SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THAT THEY GO FORWARD"

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DO YOU KNOW WHO THE SHOCHATIM WHO SLAUGHTER THE ANIMALS THAT YOU EAT MEAT FROM ARE? DO YOU IF THEY ARE G-D FEARING? WOULD YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR MONEY? NO? THEN WHY DO YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR SOULS AND THAT OF YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN? WHY DO YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME?

NOWADAYS YOU ALSO NEED TO TRUST THE OWNER OF THE FACTORY WHERE THE ANIMALS ARE SLAUGHTERED AND YOU ALSO NEED TO TRUST THE BUTCHER WHO SELLS THE MEAT TO YOU

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO RELY ON THESE PEOPLE?

THE MOST UPRIGHT BUTCHER IS A PARTNER OF AMALEK

See further the last chapter of Kiddushin (82a): "The most upright butcher is a partner of Amalek." Rashi explains that many cases of questionable kashrut come to his hand, and in trying to save money, declares them kosher, and - sell them as such. We can see to what extent the Rabbis evaluate the pitfalls resulting from the butchers, that they did not hesitate to use the sharpest epithet when referring to them. The expression, "partner of Amalek," is, by

far, the sharpest epithet used in the Talmud. One's hair can stand on end when one thinks about how far this matter extends. For a question of doubtful kashrut the Rabbis called him such a name, and not only a usual butcher, but "the most upright butcher " so that no one can be confident in himself and say that since he appointed a reliable butcher, no pitfalls can result from him, and it is accepted that a Torah scholar does not allow any pitfall to result from his doings, especially if the butcher is really learned, since the Rabbis say that a Torah scholar will commit a minor infraction in order to prevent an ignorant person from committing a major infraction.

There is no sin so severe as forbidden foods, since entire Jewish communities were lost and turned to evil ways because of eating treifos and neveilos.

(Divrei Chayim-Yoreh Deah)

WHO CAN CONTRADICT THE WORDS OF THE PELE YOETZ?

It is extremely difficult to find meat that is kosher according to all views. I, therefore, derive much pleasure from the pious that are careful not to eat meat. (Pele Yoetz, teref).

Whoever wishes to avoid all risks, should be smart to eat only fowl (poultry) and not bovine meats - because the pitfalls are all too common and numerous with them. [And for eating the forbidden fat of bovine meat we become liable to the punishment of karet and this punishment does not apply to the consumption of poultry] (Shulchan Hatahor, Rabbi Aaron Roth o.b.m. (author of Shomer Emunim, Tohoras HaKodesh, etc)

ARE YOU REALLY WILLING TO RISK YOUR LIFE BY CONSUMING FOODS THAT ARE NOT KOSHER ACCORDING TO ALL OPINIONS, AND ARE BASED ON ALL POSSIBLE LENIENCIES IN KASHRUT LAWS USED BY THOSE WHO MANUFACTURE THEM? DID YOU KNOW THAT THE RABBIS OF THE EREV RAV ARE IMMERSSED IN THE BUSINESS OF ISSUING KASHRUT CERTIFICATES TO ALL KINDS OF FOODS? DO YOU KNOW THAT A LOT OF MONEY AND CORRUPTION EXISTS IN THE FIELD OF KASHRUT? PURE AND SIMPLE JEWS HAVE FALLEN PREY TOO MANY TIMES TO THE WRONGDOINGS OF THE EREV RAV! SAVE YOUR SOULS AND WATCH WHAT YOU EAT SO THAT YOUR EMUNA IN HASHEM WILL BE LEFT PURE AND NOT BE CONFUSED BY FOOLISH NOTIONS THAT ARE TOO PREVALENT IN OUR TIMES. MAY HASHEM GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO AVOID ALL THE DAMAGE THAT THE RABBANIM OF THE EREV RAV TRY TO INFLICT ON THE JEWISH PEOPLE, AMEN