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### KASHRUT BULLETIN # 34 WHOEVER GUARD HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, GUARDS AS WELL HIS SOUL FROM SUFFERING (Mishle 21:23)

### 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)

### Why doesn't my Rabbi tell me anything about the problems with the meat? Do you expect me to be more G-d fearing than my Rabbi and stop eating meat when he still does? How can you say that the Rabbis who give out Hechsherim are feeding Jews Neveilot and Terefot?

The Old and Foolish King is a wholesale dealer

In the Sefer Toledos Yaakov Yosef, parshas Naso, he writes that now the Evil Inclination has become smart; he no longer has to catch each individual in his net. He must merely catch one individual upon whom many people depend, and thereby stumble. He puts up a shochet in the city from the 'evil side', who feeds the community trefos. [The Satan goes for the wholesaler, he who can make a great number of Jews stumble]

The fact that we see great Rabbanim feeding Terefot to the Jews is not a new thing, and the fact that there are Rabbanim who are quiet on the subject is also not a new thing. See what is written in Shaare Teshuvah by Rabbenu Yonah Ztk'l: "If the Rabbi does not supervise the Shochet and the Bodek, as necessary and relies on the Shochet, that Rabbi is included among those who feed Neveilot and Tereifot to the Jews"

In the book Tevuot Shor it's written that the Satan on a chair with 3 legs: Rabbonim, Chazanim, and Shochatim and with these, he has all Jews under his control, and he doesn't need to work hard on each individual.

The Chatam Sofer (Orach Chayim Siman 205) says there that the old and foolish King [Satan] sits on a chair with 3 legs: Shochatim, Chazanim and Sofrim: The first leg the Chazanim take the tefillot of Am Israel to the side of the forces of evil, the second leg the Shochatim feed Jews Nevelot and Terefot. The third leg The Sofrim who write invalid Tefillin and Mezuzot.

And in the Zohar Chai Parashat Bereshit (4, pg. 96) it says: "And the Erev Rav is the bad side of Moshe, and Moshe wanted to correct them...And Moshe himself comes in every generation (in the ARIZAL, afterwards in the BAAL SHEM TOV) and he will reincarnate in the last generation among the Erev Rav...And now most of the generation with their leaders are from the Erev Rav...And Moshe comes to prevent the Erev Rav from derailing the people of Israel".

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Let's quote here what was said by the Tzaddik and Kaddosh The Rebbe of Shapran ZTK'L in front of a great congregation in Williamsburg, New York: "Due to our many sins today, if the supervising Rabbi is G-d fearing, when he goes to check what goes on in the slaughterhouse where he gives the Hechsher, then he only sees through one eye (And the other one is blind) and if the Rabbi is not Gd fearing, when he enters the place, then he is blind with his two eyes".

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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?

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# 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.

## The Cause of Increasing Daily Catastrophes

We read in Sefer Imrei Tzaddikim, (Divrei Geonim p 5): Where the shochet is honest, the shechitah is good and Elijah the prophet is in town. But, if the shochet feeds the people neveilos and trefos, he causes the Angel of Death to come to town [And Jews suffer tragic deaths, G-d save us]

From the aforementioned books we see that all catastrophes that befall us today are caused by shochtim who feed Nevelot (see also Shabbos 33b, Or Hachaim Shmini 11:43, Warnings of Mahartza, Mikdash Melech, Zivchei Shelamim, Darchei Teshuvah 60:5).

In the story of Purim we are told that Hamman (A descendant of Amalek) got the strength to issue the decree to annihilate all Jews from the fact that Jews sinned when they enjoyed forbidden foods in the banquet of Achashverosh. I am sure that the reason there are shechitah gezeros (Jews being slaughtered by the Goyim) in our times is because we did not keep our eyes on the schochtim as we should. (Tiyul bapardes, concerning shechitah, by Shamlauer Rav)

# 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, taref).

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 IMMERSED 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