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KASHRUT BULLETIN # 52

WHOEVER GUARD HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, GUARDS 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)

The following is a convenient checklist which itemizes many places and objects which require BEDIKA but are, at times, not so obvious and thus possibly overlooked.

BEDIKAS CHAMETZ CHECKLIST

Under beds Clothes closets, chests Linen closets Desks Cabinets Drawers Clothes (pockets, cuffs) Purses, pocketbooks, handbags Shopping cart Crib High chair Playpen Carriage All toys Toy chest Children's toy carriages and wagons Toy houses and their furniture Storage room Safe Laundry room Freezer

Basement Hallways Attic Yard Garden Garage Workshop Den Office: Desk, drawers, lockers, closets etc. Factory: Store Automobile, Truck Beneath car Seats: Remove car seats Auto glove compartment, under mats, trunk Pet house, bird cage (Animal food is probably CHAMETZ) Behind refrigerator, sink, oven, kitchen cabinets Perfumes, hairsprays, deodorants School locker Kitchen utensils: Broiler, blender, mixer, can opener Shul locker or cubby Shelves Bookcases Breakfront Book closet and books Wash "broom" Infant seat Sink trays Garbage pails Garbage cans Behind radiator jewelry, jewelry box Cosmetics: Only KOSHER L'PESACH should be used (Cosmetics are forbidden on Shabbat and Yom Tov) Bar (whiskey is CHAMETZ) Tallit bag Suitcase, valise, travel Discard vacuum cleaner bags Telephone (remove speaker cover) Storage bins Country cottages Vacuum floors Backs of chairs, seats Thoroughly wash, clean and vacuum shag rugs and carpets Cover sink spout, handles

Clean oven, range, grates Clean sink, refrigerator These items should be thoroughly cleaned and then stored away for the duration of Pesach. Medicine chest Picnic basket Cookie jar, bread box, toaster, candy dish Briefcase, school bags, attache case Lunch box Tooth brush (A new tooth brush is required Chol Ha'moed;) Shabbat 'Zmiros' books Bensherlach (books for Birkat ha Mazon) Cook books Challah utensils, vases, decanters used for Chametz (e.g. whiskey)

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

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