

# ***THE FIGHT AGAINST AMALEK***

*The most upright butcher is a partner of Amalek."*

*(Kiddushin 82a)*

## **WHO IS THE NATION OF AMALEK**

The nation of Amalek, descendants of Esav, bore a deeply ingrained hatred against the Jews. They considered it their duty to take revenge for their forefather Esav on Yaakov's descendants. As the very name "Amalek" denotes, they were thirsty for Jewish blood. (Amalek is a composite of am la'k, the people that came to lick blood.) (Lekach Tov)

(As soon as the Bnai Yisrael left Egypt, the Amalekim suggested to the other nations, "Join us in an attack against the Jews!" As a result, all the nations assembled while the Bnai Yisrael crossed the Yam Suf. Hashem, however, rendered them all powerless, and they were unable to harm the Bnai Yisrael. After witnessing the miracles of kerias Yam Suf, the rest of the nations trembled and did not dare attack. Amalek then suggested to the other nations, "We Amalekim will attack the Bnai Yisrael! Should they defeat us we will flee, but if we are victorious over them, then come and join us in our battle."(Mechilta)

Amalek waited for an opportunity to attack, but Hashem protected Israel as long as they were loyal to Him. Amalek had no power over them, except over sinful individuals. These were expelled from the Camp by the Clouds of Glory, and were forced to travel outside the Clouds. They were slain by Amalek. (Mechilta)

## **THE SATAN IS THE SAR [HEAVENLY MINISTER] OF AMALEK**

Hashem did not allow the Bnai Yisrael to annihilate Amalek since no nation can be destroyed before its Sar (spiritual image, minister) in Heaven has fallen first. Amalek's sar is Satan himself. He will perish only when sin is no longer to be found

in Yisrael. Every time a Jew sins, he adds strength to the sar of Amalek. It is only when the Bnai Yisrael will be free from sin that Amalek will be destroyed (Alshich).

### **THE VISITOR FROM FOREIGN LANDS: A STORY**

Rabbi Akiva Joseph Shlesinger Z”L, son in law of the great Gaon Rabbi Hillel of Kalamai Z”L wrote in his book Shamru Mishpat the following: In the year 5620, Pesach’s eve, a man called Rabbi Eliezer Bar Rabbi Shimon from Tibet came to see my father-in-law. He spoke only lashon Hakodesh (Hebrew), and asked my father-in-law R’ Hillel, to let him spend Pesach with him with the condition that the visitor would do his own Seder on a table especially for him, and that he would give him the Matzot and every thing else needed. My father in law agreed, and so it happened. On the seder’s night, he ate only the strictly required measure of Matzah, and he did not eat Matzah for the rest of Pesach; he just ate fruits, potatoes and almonds, and would not accept any gift, money or food for the journey...What I heard from him I will try to remember and write.

### **THE VISITOR IS VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT HE EATS**

The Seder went over enthusiastically, every verse the visitor said, he translated to his mother tongue, which was strange for us, and just few things mentioned from the Zohar and Midrashim were known to us. We listened. He prayed full of joy, for about 2 to 3 hours, and then, ate potatoes, fruits and similar foods, and he ate no meat and no matzah. There was no time for questions. Only in Chol Hamoed and Yom Tov was I able to ask the meaning of all his customs; he replied he was sent and came for a secret issue, by order of the president of his land. There were 96.000 Jews where he came from, and they all comply with the law of Maaser, and as per the Torah, they have rulers for every 10 people, every 50, 100 and 1000... The president is a holy man well versed in Kabballah. He directs the entire town. He is a Tzaddik fearful of G-d and not only serves justice to his people...but like the tribe of Yssachar he knows the destiny of Israel throughout the Galut and he has a book called SEFER HA ABIB (BEGINNING LETTERS OF: *ACHENU BENE ISRAEL BAGOLA*), (Our brothers The sons of Israel in exile)...

## WHY HASN'T MASHIACH ARRIVED YET

And the book HABBIB, spoke about what was happening to our generation in Europe (mainly the problems with Kashrut): It said of Rabbi Natan Adler and his student Rabbi Moshe Sofer, that they were hidden Kabbalists, that Rabbi Adler wanted to disqualify the shochatim of the city of Frankfurt, and annul the seal of the Satan that dominated through those Shochatim... But the Satan sent people to persecute him and Rabbi Adler and his student had to flee Frankfurt.... And if Rabbi Adler had succeeded in removing the shochatim that gave Nevela and Terefa to the Jews the MASHIACH Tzidkenu would have arrived. The author of Noda beYehuda was in Prague, and while alive, the Satan was not allowed to be there, but only occasionally and as a guest; now that the Tzaddik is not there anymore, the Satan reigns there. The Downfall began with a Chazan (whose prayers went to the side of the evil forces) and an evil president of the community...and all the synagogues under his influence should not be visited because all the prayers in them are blasphemy. It is like praying in the bathroom, and even worse because there they mention the name of G-d...

...The Man came walking, and left walking the day after Pesach (isru chag) right after Shachrit. We wanted him to take the train, but he would not receive money. He left a written notice saying he accomplished his mission, to spend Pesach with us, and return through the path of Cashwa, across Poland, Russia and Tibet.

### 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"

## THE SECRET OF THE BAAL SHEM TOV'S DESCENT TO THE WORLD

I heard, in the name of Baal Shem Tov, that he came to this world to rectify it and that the world was tottering because of the deterioration of the three pillars upon which the world stands, namely Torah, worship, and kind deeds. The pillar of Torah was spoiled by the preachers who travel from city to city and preach false sermons to blind the eyes of the congregation. They invent astounding midrashim and then reconcile them and they themselves are irreligious and connivers. The pillar of worship was weakened by the cantors known for their irreverence and irresponsibility, for in our times the prayer takes the place of the daily sacrifices, in whose place the Rabbis instituted the daily prayers. The pillar of kind deeds was weakened by the shochatim who take mitzvot lightly. The Talmud tell us (Taanis 23b) that when Abba Chilkiyah prayed for rain, a cloud ascended from the corner where his wife was standing, because a woman is usually in the house and she gives bread to the poor, from which they benefit immediately.

## 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 [SAFEK] 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.

**REMEMBER THAT THE WORDS OF THE SAGES ARE VERY PRECISE  
WHEN THEY SAY THE BEST BUTCHER IS A PARTNER OF AMALEK**

Let it be made clear that people's thoughts and reasoning do not coincide with the thoughts and reasoning of the Rabbis o.b.m. who enjoyed the presence of the Shechinah in their study hall, and everything recorded in the Mishnah or in the Gemara is hallowed with all kinds of sanctity. No one ever found fault with them except apostates and sectarians, who left the Jewish fold. See how the Geonim and the Rishonim toiled to reconcile the presence of a single word and built piles and piles of halachos upon it. Now, when they called the butcher "a partner of Amalek," the Shechinah was actually speaking from their throats, and they were agents of the All-merciful, and if we are human beings, they were veritable angels and seraphim, and all their words are like fiery coals. Let no man be tempted to say that the Rabbis meant only the butcher but not the shochet, because if you look at Rosh on Chullin p. 18, and in Maggid Mishneh, Laws of Shechitah 1:26, you will see that the usual butcher in Talmudic times was also a shochet and an inspector.

**IS WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE KASHRUT OF THE MEAT  
YOU EAT ENOUGH TO ANNUL OUR SAGES WORDS?**

After this introduction, it should be plain that not everything a person imagines is true, and even if he feels that he has all sorts of conclusive proofs that this butcher is perfectly reliable, and no one need investigate his practices, all these proofs are null and void against the testimony of our Rabbis o.b.m. who stated unequivocally that the most upright of the butchers is the partner of Amalek. Moreover, any sensible person knows that our generation is surely not better than previous ones, and the most upright butcher of this generation is immeasurably inferior to the average butcher of those times, surely to the most upright.

**ONE MUST TREMBLE BEFORE BRINGING  
A PIECE OF MEAT INTO ONE'S HOUSE**

Therefore, whoever wishes to follow the paths of our holy Torah and its pleasant rulings and ways, must abandon his own ideas in view of the ideas of the Rabbis of the Talmud, and must literally quake before bringing any meat into his house.

See what the holy Shaloh (Shne Luchot Ha Brit) writes, he saw religious men who did not eat any meat except from animals they themselves had slaughtered. He was

very puzzled concerning the origin of the practice of eating meat from any shochet without first knowing clearly that the meat is kosher.

Also, concerning the punishment of one who feeds people forbidden foods, we find that the Rabbis were unusually harsh with unprecedented stringencies. We find in Chullin 93b that if an amount of fat the size of barleycorn is found on a piece of meat sold by a butcher, that butcher is disqualified. If it is the size of an olive, he is subjected to lashes.

## **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!

### **EATING NON KOSHER FOODS IS MORE SERIOUS THAN VIOLATING THE SHABBAT: A STORY FROM THE CHAFETZ CHAIM**

The saintly Chafetz Chaim writes in his book, *Machaneh Israel*, that a Jewish soldier once asked him what he should choose. He was given the choice to be in a division under a fine commander, who allows the soldiers to slaughter and eat kosher meat, but there he would have to work on the Sabbath, or to be in another division where he would not be able to eat kosher food, but he would not be coerced to work on the Sabbath. He asked what he should do. The Chafetz Chaim told him to go to the division where he would be forced to work on the Shabbat and added the following reason: Even though Shabbat is a capital offense, when he comes home, he would be able to observe many Shabbatot. If he eats neveilos and trefos, however, "the damage to his soul will remain permanently,"

### **THE EVIL HAMAN [A DESCENDANT OF AMALEK – THE PARTNER OF THE BUTCHERS] GOT PERMISSION FOR HIS EVIL DECREE FROM THE FACT THAT HE FED JEWS FORBIDDEN FOODS WHEN THEY ENJOYED THE BANQUET OF THE KING ACHASHVEROSH AND MORDECHAI SAVED THE JEWS THROUGH HIS ACTIONS TO AVOID FORBIDDEN FOODS**

It is brought in the Talmud (Meguila 12): That is why we say *ARUR HAMAN* (Damned is Haman) because he requested to destroy us when he fed The Jews forbidden foods, and through this he had the power to issue harsh decrees against the Jews.

And the BACH wrote (Orach Chayim, Siman 670): In Purim was the main decree against the Jews because they enjoyed the King's festive meal, that is why death was decreed on the bodies that enjoyed from forbidden food and drink and from the joy of forbidden banquets, and when they did Teshuva and afflicted their souls as Esther said: "Go and gather the Jews so that they should not eat nor drink for three days", therefore Purim was established as a day of eating and feasting in order to remember the essence of the miracle. This is why we say *BARUCH MORDECHAI* (Blessed is Mordechai) the Jew because in his merit the Jews were saved from the decree of Haman, he was careful to protect the Jews from eating forbidden foods, that is why he sat in the gates of the King so that Esther would not eat forbidden foods.

## THE SECRET OF BLESSED MORDECHAI AND CURSED HAMAN

Hereby we bring you many words and their numeric values (Gematria) to show you how far the problem of the non kosher meat reaches. Through the gematriot we see how the Satan and Amalek dominate through the sin of forbidden foods (mainly meat), just as in Purim the decree to destroy the Jews in one day came through the sin of forbidden foods. Only when the Jews broke the breach in Kashrut was Haman able to gain the upper hand, and had it not been for Mordechai the Jew, so called because he didn't let the Jews eat forbidden foods, we would have been exterminated, G-d forbid. And Esther was willing to fast even during the first days of Pesach, in order to find mercy in the eyes of G-d. We will not explain in detail each equivalency but you should know that it is a very complex matter that forces the person to conclude that the benefits of not eating meat are infinite because the fight against Amalek lies here, and not for nothing the Talmud (Kiddushin 82a) says: "The best butcher is a partner of Amalek". You will see that there's a Gematria with the word Mikdash Meat because also through our proper conduct in the synagogues and our responding AMEN, we can defeat Amalek and the Satan (see further in the section of The Sanctity of the synagogue). G-d was gracious to me and let me reveal these things during Seudat Purim while I was drunk as the Talmud prescribes, confirming the statement that when wine goes in, the secret comes out and wine and secret both have the value 70 in Gematria.



ברוך מרדכי = 502 = ארור המן = 502 = בשר

מרדכי = פתחיה = 503 = בשר

(From Kav Ha Yashar) שנים אבות = 175 + 180 + 147 = 502 = בשר

(From Kav Ha Yashar) אדום = 51 + ישמעאל = 451 = 502 = בשר

לוי־תן = 496 + 5 אתיות + כולל = 502 = בשר

שמעון = 466 + יוחאי = 35 = 501 = בשר

דצן + עדש + באחב = 501 = בשר

כח ערב רב = 502 = בשר

ומרדכי ידע את כל אשר נעשה, --- אשר = 501 = בשר

נעשה = 425 = שק + יקיק

שמות האבות = 638 = צום בשר, יראת יקיק = 637, עץ הדעת = 639

אסתר = 661, חלב כרת = 660

מגילת אסתר = 1144 + 2 מילם = 1146, חלב בשר + עמלק + השטן = 1146

עץ הדעת טוב ורע = 932, שחיטה + עמלק + שטן = 931

שק ואפר = 687, אסתר + יקיק = 687, שחיטה + יקיק = 358 = משיח

שק = 400 נגד אדום, אפר = פרא אדם ישמעאל

וצומו (עלי) = 148 = פסח

שלשת ימים = 1130 = בשר כרת + 6 אתיות + 2 מילם = 1130

פורים = 336, עמלק + המאכל = 336

פורים + כולל = 337, שחיטה + 5 אתיות = 337

פורים = 336, עמלק + המן = 335

יום הכפורים + בשר = 919 = בראשית + 6 אתיות

ראש השנה = 861 = בשר + שטן

שוחט + עמלק = 563 = מקדש מעט = דר שטן

נחש = 358, שטן = 359

סטרא אחרא = 480 + ערב רב = 474 = 954, שכר ועונש = 952 + 2 מילם = 954

טפש כחלב לבם, אני תורתך שעשעתי (Tehillim 19:70)

טפש = 389 נבלה + וטרפה = 387 + 2 מילם = 389

שאר שבעיסה = שאר = בשר

וצא השדה וצודה לי צידה (Bereshit 27:3) = 671

וצא הלחם בעמלק מחר (Shemot 17:9) = 670

מי יאכלנו בשר (Bamidbar 11:4) = 669

## **WARNING OF THE CHAFETZ CHAYIM ZT'L**

How much will an individual regret, when with a mere admonition, he could have extricated himself from all these punishments. Let him not be misled by the fact that others will share the punishment with him considering that he is not the only one in the city to have transgressed thereby finding false comfort. As an analogy: In the event a person is a co-signer on a note encumbering a debt of millions of dollars, regardless the number of additional co-signers, when the debt becomes due, even if required to reimburse only a small fraction thereof, it could amount to a sizable sum, which will be quite painful to pay.

Similarly, since today the ingestion and partaking of prohibited foods has become unfortunately widespread when the time for reckoning arrives, it will amount to many thousands of olive sized pieces of prohibited foods. Consequently, those capable of arousing the populace in their vicinity to observe kashrus strictly and thereby prevent untold thousands of Jews who were lax from eating non-kosher, will surely be considered the most guilty. Our sages admonish (Tana D'vei Eliyahu): Anyone able to protest and refrains to do so; Anyone able to elicit repentance and does not do so, all blood spilled will be credited to his negligence and held against him...

## **THE YETZER HA RA SITS IN A CHAIR WITH THREE LEGS**

The "Chatam Sofer" of blessed memory (Orach Chaim 205) writes that the Yetzer Hara (the evil inclination) sits on a chair with three legs. The first being the Chazanim who do not properly direct the prayers of the Jews in their congregation, the second the Shochatim through whose fault Jews eat Nevaylot Utrayfot and the third the scribes who write Tefillin and Mezuzot improperly, so that- they are pasul, and these three are sufficient for the Yetzer Hara. We find similar things expressed by the Toldos Yaakov Joseph, (Parshas Noso) and also by the Vilna Gaon (Maasay Rav 90) who writes that it is preferable to eat dairy food on Shabbat, rather than eating from a cow which was slaughtered by a Shochet who was not supervised by anyone during the Shechita.

## IT'S MORE SEVERE TO EAT FORBIDDEN FATS FROM A "KOSHER" ANIMAL THAN PORK

Everyone knows how much the Chafetz Chaim o.b.m. warned our brethren in his time, when they were forced to wander to various places because of the terrible decrees of that period. He warned them that if they have, G-d forbid, no choice but to eat pork and animals that died without being properly slaughtered, they should, G-d forbid, not eat meat from which the Chelev was not removed, but rather pork and animals that died without being ritually slaughtered, whose prohibition is merely a negative commandment, rather than, G-d forbid, to stumble upon the prohibition of Chelev, which is punishable by Karet. Yet, in our times, the situation has reached such an alarming low that without a decree by the government or any other coercion, they feed our brethren meat from which the Chelev is either not removed at all or at best not properly removed and in their innocence, many innocent G-d-fearing people are trapped in a terrible snare, whose results are so far-reaching, that it is utterly unbelievable even catastrophic in many instances testifying to the terrible occurrences of devastation we daily witness. Heaven have mercy.

### 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).*

## IF YOU ONLY EAT POULTRY YOU AVOID MANY PITFALLS

*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)*

**"...And they are called Erev Rav, because they are the heads (leaders) of the Jews in the exile and therefore they are called RAV."**

**(Likutim Ha GRA)**

**EREV RAV = 474 ZECHER AMALEK =474**

**474=ערב רב**

**474 = זכר עמלק + 7 אתיות**