

Abbas Wants State on All of Judea, Samaria and Gaza

SOFER OFFERS REFUND OR FREE REPLACEMENT

As a *Sofer*, I have always used certain types of *klaf* that were easier to write on, in the belief that certification made the *klaf* of a higher standard, yet was not essential. I relied on the factories to use only G-d fearing, Jewish labor when processing hides designed for use as *STaM klaf*.

Upon hearing of the Elul 5766 scandal, I turned to leading Rabbinic authorities from both Israel and the Diaspora, all of whom ruled that the "regular" parchment was of doubtful validity. There's a high probability that the lime-soakage was done by Gentiles who are always considered to lack the needed intention (*lishma*), rendering the parchment completely **unkosher**.

I must now either fully reimburse my customers, or rewrite all my work on *hechsher*-bearing *klaf*. My customers can reach me at the number below. In the meantime, none of my work may be used, including tefillin, mezuzos, etc. I hope this notice suffices.

CLARIFICATION

Regarding the overwhelming response to my previous notice entitled "*Sofer Offers Refund or Free Replacement*", I'd like to clarify a few points:

(a) It has been brought to my attention that quite a few prominent *Poskim* amongst them *Av Beis Din Zichron Meir Rabbi Shmuel Wosner*, *Badatz Eidah Hachareidis* and tens of *Rabbis* from America had by *Teves 5761* already issued a ruling to the effect that the use of unsupervised *klaf* is absolutely forbidden and that 86 well known *Rabbis* had said the same thing a hundred years ago.

(b) Distinguished rabbis have contacted me to offer encouragement in withstanding this trial of great monetary loss

(c) In the wake of this scandal, I confronted the person who'd instructed me in the art of writing upon certain *klaf*. The *klaf*, though easier to write on, lacks kosher certification. We asked a great *Posek* as to who should be responsible for the free refunds. The ruling was that my teacher, the sellers, and I should all share the reimbursement expenses. The *Posek* also showed us no less than six pamphlets concerning this very subject.

My teacher was shocked and agreed to help pay my customers.

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