

Book Review

Rabbi S.J. Gross Issues Warning Against Vaccinated Chickens Releases New Sefer Concerning the Laws Of Eating Chickens (4 Parts)

The Halminer Rav, Rabbi Sholom Yehuda Gross Shlita, is not a new face in the Torah world: His seforim encompass many areas of Jewish Halacha. This young Scholar is already the author of over 27 works relating to Jewish Law.

We live in a period of great technological discoveries that daily creates new problems in the field of Kashruth and other important areas. In these vital fields, Rabbi Gross is a knowledgeable person.

The Latest sefer of Rabbi Gross concerns the problems of Kosher chickens which are inoculated on the day of their birth with a certain vaccine to protect them against various diseases. Rabbi Gross states that this vaccine, that is injected in the neck of the fowl, has a good chance of puncturing the windpipes thus rendering them non-kosher. In a recent test conducted by the Jerusalem's Beth Din of Eida Hacharedis, they found that the vaccine did penetrate and puncture the windpipes of the chickens. Thousands of G-d fearing Jews in Israel were forced to halt eating poultry for a period of time, until after tremendous effort, other sources were found that did not utilize this vaccine.

Rabbi Gross, however, was not satisfied with the thoroughness of his findings, and he made further inquiries by contacting the Agriculture Departments of the Federal and State Governments and numerous veterinarians. After discussing with them the complex subject of chicken vaccination, he came away more convinced about his strong misgivings about certain producers of poultry who claim that their chicken is strictly Kosher.

In his sefer, Rabbi Gross reveals important letters from the greatest Torah Authorities who concur with the results of his findings, and who make an impassioned plea to all Rabbis and

leaders, especially those who are involved in the area of Kashruth, to unite under one Banner to resolve this grave problem. They particularly appeal to all the poultry producers to be very careful with the use of the words "Glatt Kosher", so as not to deceive religious Jewry.

Rabbi Gross further declares, in his new work, that after making various investigations, he found out that it is possible for producers of Glatt Kosher poultry to arrange a deal with many farmers that they should not inject their chickens with the problem vaccine. As for the Federal Government, it would not be difficult at all to work out such an arrangement, as Rabbi Gross clearly shows in his letter from Washington (Sefer Achilas Hatar-nagolia p. 31)

The resolutions of this problem would produce two positive results: One in the area of Kashruth; the other in the area of Health.

In the fourth part of his sefer, Rabbi Gross cites a Halachic ruling from the Satmarea Rav Shlita, who wrote about this problem over 25 years ago. The Rav then proclaimed that there could be a problem in Kashruth with chickens that are inoculated with certain vaccines.

Rabbi Gross also brings forth opinions from many scientists and from the "Food and Drug Administration", which the press recently reported, that the hormones which are injected into domestic animals and birds to fatten them contain substances that can cause cancer — G-d Forbid.

This Sefer (Published in Hebrew) is valuable so that one

may know how to purchase meat and the related problems of Kashruth. It maybe secured from the author, Rabbi S.J. Gross. 4711-12th Ave. Bklyn, N.Y. 11219

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