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Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find a copy of my latest book, "Encyclopedia of Kashruth." This second volume deals with *cholov akum*, entitled, "*Cholov Akkum* and Infant Formulas." It discusses the stringency of the prohibition of gentile milk, infant formulae, and *Similac*, as well as the numerous problems endemic to the many *hashgochos* upon which the public relies. Unfortunately, every day brings with it a greater curse than the day before. Since we are lax in matters of *kashruth*, many misfortunes have been inflicted upon us, both adults and children. Everyone recognizes that this is the work of Divine Providence, who guides the world with justice. We see clearly that the world is not left to the elements; everything is directed from Heaven with an exact measure. Our sages teach us that the misfortunes that befall young children are not due to their own sins, but rather on account of the sins of the adults of the generation.

Let everyone, therefore, fear for himself and repent. According to *Rambam (Hilchos Teshuvah)*, repentance includes a strong resolution concerning future behavior; diligently follow the Jewish way of life in all our future actions and deeds. This includes keeping a strict and close watch on the children, to see, as far as possible, that everything they place into their mouths should be unequivocally 100% kosher. For that very reason, we have found it necessary to print this book, so that it serve as a guiding light to illuminate the way to attain the aforementioned goals. We hope that, with G-d's help, this book will succeed in becoming a great aid for those who are lax in the aforementioned matters as well as for those who are ignorant of the situation. May our reward be that no Jewish child suffer any pain or distress, either in this world or in the next, and that we shall all be redeemed in the near future, Amen.

Composing this tome cost much toil and effort, in addition to the astronomic printing expenses (including typing, printing, binding, and postage). These expenses have more than doubled during the past few years, and it is far above our ability to cover them.

We therefore, appeal to you to share our burden and assist us with even more than you can afford; thereby enabling us to continue with our holy undertaking, which, in the past, has saved thousands of Jews from eating non-kosher foods and has brought awareness into the Orthodox community in the field of *kashruth*. Sorrowfully, in America, even though everything is stamped with a label "*Kosher lim'hadrin*," there are often grave doubts as to whether it is *kosher* at all! Even when an item is *kosher*, how often is it a borderline *kashruth*, not fit for the consumption of the scrupulously observant?

As reward for your aid, may G-d grant you healthy children, long life, adequate food, and with His help, *Yiddish nachas*, blessing and success in all respects, and may we all merit to be freed from all our troubles in the near future, to break off the yoke of our exile, and to greet the Messiah speedily in our days, Amen.

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P.S. This book cites that those parents who have, unwittingly, fed their children *Similac* or other *cholov akkum* products, can rectify their sin by being instrumental in preventing others from falling into the same pitfall. You can do so by helping us in our holy work, which, with G-d's help, will accomplish this feat.

We hope to publish, in the near future, the *Encyclopedia of Kashruth* in ten volumes. The first volume will be entitled "Encyclopedia of Kashruth, *Cholov Akkum* vol. 1" and is devoted to documentary governmental evidence that in gentile milk, butter, cheese and other dairy products, there exists the possibility for the inclusion of a mixture of pig milk, etc.

This book is already in preparation. Its publication is pending the receipt of a few more documents.

Incidentally, we have been informed by government authorities, that there was never a law in several states prohibiting the admixture of milk of non-kosher animals with cows' milk.

Minimum price for this sefer is \$3.95.
We are thankful for additional contributions.