

CLARIFICATION

The world was shocked over the new revelation that in the last few days a massive counterfeit and fraudulent mailing to all Rabbis and distinguished members of the laity consisting of letters with the forged signatures of the venerated Sage Horav Hagoen Rafoel Blum, Shlita and his distinguished sons of Bedford Hills, N.Y.

These letters purported to claim the Kashauer Rov retracted and rescinded his previous declaration concerning the absolute prohibition of using animal meat due to the major questions, problems and halachic doubts in the **NIKKUR** (deveining) which is known to be an absolute biblical precept and negative prohibition of biblical origin, as stringent in law as the consumption of chometz on Pesach.

Several prominent Rabbis became suspicious concerning the sudden retraction — the consistency of the terminology utilized surprised as the appearance of such abrupt about face by the staunchest vigilantes in the forefront in the battle for proper adherence to the **NIKKUR** laws, immediately contacted Horav Blum to discern the voracity publicized under his name. They were shocked and appalled to discover that the letters carrying the Kashauer Rov's name are total forgeries and issued with evil intent by irresponsible and wicked purveyors of meat provisions to cause to and bring about a sense and feeling among public of complacency until the objective of instilling a sense of security in the heretofore practice of the **NIKKUR** procedure as followed by the disreputed Hechsheim givers.

Horav Blum emphatically stated that since the issuance of his first letter in the week of Rosh Hashanah 5743 — no change has come about neither in his decision nor in the practice and procedures of **NIKKUR**. He continues to exhort his followers to refrain from using any bovine meat products and provisions.

All legal means will be utilized to prevent the dissemination of forgeries and fraudulent correspondence.

This is the 6th in the series of scandalous scurrilous and fraudulent letters issued by various segments of the meat industry.

All the distinguished Rabbis and halachic sages who have issued prohibition against the use of meat during the past year have reiterated their position and have emphatically stated — that they have **NOT** changed their ban. They warn the general populace to refrain from eating meat due to the serious prohibition of *Chelev*; since no one should be willing to gamble with his life, as well as of his wife and children by the incurrance of the penalty of *kores*-excision, Heaven forbid.

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By the Grace of G-d
Boruch Hashem:

Peace and blessings to the honor of all my dear pupils and may the AL-mighty bless you.

This letter is directed toward the matter which I was asked many times about — in reference to meat — about which many people have raised the question — that the forbidden fats (called *chelev*) are not properly removed.

According to personal inspection this very week in the presence of highly qualified specialists in the art of *chelev* removal; it was clarified that unfortunately due to our great sins the meats which was bought in these past few weeks from butcher stores renowned for the highest quality in Kashrus was not separated from the forbidden fat properly.

There remained upon the meat *chelev* which is strictly forbidden according to our Holy Torah. We found in the meat forbidden fat (*chelev*) according to our Torah including part from the hind quarters in tact with it's fat.

This by no means a matter dependent upon various customs or differential opinions of Halachic authorities whatsoever. Hence it is unanimously forbidden according to the edicts of our Holy Torah beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Therefore, I sincerely appeal implore, beg and beseech you all to refrain from consuming any more meat whatsoever until this deplorable situation becomes completely and properly rectified with the help of the Al-Mighty according to all laws of our Holy Torah.

May the Al-mighty send us his blessings to be inscribed in the book of good life amongst all of Israel with a year of redemption and salvation.

For a verification I hereby attest my signature.

Rabbi Rafael Blum