

# KASHRUS LETTER בני תורה

A told me the following; "Rabbi Shain-you don't even know part of what we are put through by the המכשירים and the שחיטה plants.

## מאכלות אסורות נודמות לכפירה

לא תאכל כל חובעה (ידג) ידוע ש"י שהארם משמש עצמו במאכלות אסורות נמשם לבו (ע' בנמ' יזמא ל"ט). וראה מה שכתב הרבני חיים ביד"ר (ח"א סי' ז') שבעה"ר יצא כמעט מן הדת כמה קהילות בארץ לעז על ידי השוחטים ובודקים הקלים שאכלו ונתפסמו במדינות ונכדו עליהם רעות זרות עד שפקדו ונאכדו מתוך הקהל הקדוש עב"ל. על פי זה י"ל שאחר שנאמדו בתורה דיני מסית ומדיח ועיר הנדחת, הזהירה תורה על זהירות מאכילת דברים שמאים המביאים לירי רעות של פריקת עול ושל עבודה זרה ומינות המסוגלות להוציא ולעקד קהילות שלימות מן הדת, רחמנא ליצלן. (רבי זלמן סורוצקין, אזנים לתורה)

## WHY SOME בני תורה & רבנים don't allow products from the RUBASHKIN PLANT-IOWA continued

The unconventional System that was in place to identify a "Neveilah" was as follows: The "shoichet" had a switch to turn on a light bulb in the "Bedikah" room, so they knew which number is a "Neveilah". After many attempts and assurances by the "Rav Hamachshir" that they will institute the system that I begged for, (cutting into the leg).

The "Rav Hamachshir" after one week went back to his preferred system- the light bulb!. (preferred because the plant gets for the uncut hide an additional \$5.00 @ hide.) I ultimately prevailed through the good offices of the U. S. D. A.. The "Rav Hamachshir" was upset that I went behind his back to prevent "neveilos" from getting mixed into the kosher. (I interfered with the \$5.00 ממון ישראל)

The Rubashkin plant's "Rav Hamachshir" supposedly knowing "Nikur", brought a lamb that was "deveined" under his supervision, to a butcher to soak/salt and butcher the lamb. There were 2 professional מומחים מומחים who looked at the lamb & advised the "Rav Hamachshir" that it was not deveined correctly. He was finally convinced that he never knew ניקור correctly.

When the "Rav Hamachshir" was questioned "How can you give a "Hashgocha" to the Rubashkin meat plant when you don't know "ניקור"?". The "Rav Hamachshir's" response was that the "Mashgiach" of "nikur" learned by many experts here and in Eretz Yisroel and he follows those guidelines. "So why do I have to know nikur?". I immediately spoke to the "Mashgiach" of nikur at the Rubashkin plant to ascertain what guidelines he uses. Was it the Israeli system, the American system or some other system? His response was "none of the above, the Rav Hamachshir (who doesn't know ניקור) showed me what he wants done- that is the guidelines I follow".

I told the "Rav Hamachshir" that the one Mashgiach for the "nikur" can't handle the load. His response was "There isn't enough work for two full timers, and a half a person I can't create". We are left with the only choice -the \$5.00 ממון ישראל which must override any concern for "kashrus".

I have spoken with experts in "Shechita"/ "Bedika", and they are themselves "Shoichtim". They confirmed that it is not acceptable in the plant that the same "Boidik" decides "glatt" and plain kosher etc.. It is also totally unacceptable that a Rav Hamachshir decides "Treifos" by telephone.

The son ל"ז of the Margareten Rav שליט"א told me that he was heart broken that any "hidur/tikun" in kashrus that he attempts to institute, he must do it in a way that the Rav Hamachshir doesn't find out or he will stop it. (לממן ישראל!!)

The "Shoichtim / Bodikim / Mashgichim" are under tremendous pressure from the plant through their agent the "Rav Hamachshir".

It does seem that the Rav Hamachshir is of the opinion that the מסורה that כלל ישראל lives by, is a new מסורה that he is originating. No wonder the Rav Hamachshir was denounced publicly by Rabbonim in Monsey because they considered him a קל at best, (מא-ח-מיר א היתר).

The Khal Adath Jeshurin is of the opinion that the Rubashkin plant is under their השגחה. The Rubashkin's & their agent (Rav Hamachshir) are of the conviction that Khal Adath Yeshurin can not afford to leave them. The "KAJ Kehila's" reputation was never to compromise "Kashrus" by using ממון ישראל as the overriding veto. We have invested our trust in an individual & he violated that trust & betrayed us. There is personal outrage as well as communal horror.

The reason that Rabbis, Gornish & Lichtenstein etc. left the plant & refused to accept any responsibility for the כשרות in the plant was because the Rav Hamachshir does not allow proper basic standards to be instituted.

We must protect our sources of information for obvious reasons. We regret that therefore we can not always write the way we would like to. We also regret that certain individuals in plants were replaced or removed by various schemes. They were falsely accused of being the ones who were giving out the-not so kosher-secrets.

We can only conclude that The "KAJ Kehila" is of the conviction that the Rav Hamachshir is working for them & Kashrus. The sad facts show us otherwise - the Rav Hamachshir is protecting the \$5.00 Rubashkin ממון ישראל.

## IS THEIR CHEESE חלב ישראל FOR בני תורה ל- CHEESE

The שו"ת מנחת יצחק חלק ג' סימן ע"ה in a responsa to Rabbi Zecharia Gelley נ"י requires that there be a full time משגיח for proper חלב ישראל cheese. In a further תשובה just 6 months later in י"י חלק ג' סימן ד' אות י' the סימן,

"ובעבור זה מצאו קלי הדעת מקום להקל וכו'" (העתקתי דבריו לענין חלב עכו"ם, מפני שענין זה נוגע ג"כ היום לדינא כנודע)

The דיין of the "Kehila" who is responsible for the חלב ישראל of the cheese has decided to ignore the above quoted responsa to Rav Gelley שליט"א, Why? Aren't we entitled to proper standards of חלב ישראל from the "kehila" ? What happened to their reputation. Isn't the תשובה מנחת יצחק to the esteemed Rav of the "kehila" sufficient to set an acceptable standard.

Integrity and reliability, not "glatt", "super-glatt", or "mehadrin-glatt", labels or signs should be the true guidelines of the Kosher consumer. All too often, the conscientious homemaker gets caught up with hearsay, fancy advertising, & fallacious claims without bothering to separate fact from fiction

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The truth must be heard, even if the public doesn't like the sound of it. Whatever the circumstances regardless of the consequences. The truth must be stated loudly, clearly and unequivocally.

הרה"ג ר' אהרן קיטלר, זצוק"ל  
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ר-ב-נ-ו-ת, NO!  
בני תורה, YES?

Why some בני תורה & רבנים don't use products from Rubashkin's plant? (continued)

The Israeli "Rabanus Harashis" did not wish to rely on the system in place which was set up by the plant's רב המכשיר. They insisted on having their own "Mashgiach" at the Rubashkin plant.

After a few years of taking meat from the plant and constantly fighting for basic standards, they gave up. The Rabanus Harashis prefers not take their meat from the Rubashkin's plant.

We are wondering are the standards that the Rabbanut insists on, above & beyond the בני תורה standards??

When the רב המכשיר was asked how can you sell meat as בית יוסף to the "Sefardim" knowing that it is not בית יוסף ?? The response was 80% aren't really מקפיד, so what's the problem the 20% ?

We are wondering is it proper to fool the people in thinking they are getting true בית יוסף when in fact it isn't? Is it proper to give "Sefardim" non בית יוסף which may actually be for them ט-ר-י-ף? Should we rely on him?

I ordered בית יוסף meat for Sephardi affairs from Rubashkin and was assured that it was in fact בית יוסף, & it wasn't. I checked the plant's records & realized- we were s-k-e-t-c-h-e-d !

We are asked by many people "are the chickens, turkeys and other Rubashkin's plant products any different?" There are a shortage of שוחטים- and the quality of standards that the רב המכשיר has set up in the plant in general is not acceptable!

Perhaps if someone involved in the actual kashrus in the plant realizes some of the problems, and takes positive steps on his own unbeknown to the רב המכשיר then maybe, time will tell.

There have been others that have known about some of the problems with the standards in

place in the plant and have attempted to c: only to be abruptly brushed off that they don't know what they are talking about. Is it possible that the reverse is true and the concerned callers do know what they are talking about.....

The רבנים המכשירים at the PARSIPANY, NJ, convention did not want to use products from the Rubashkin plant for the convention. Should you be any different?

Before going to an affair, dinner, wedding etc. it might be wise to inquire from the host, מוסד, Caterer, Organization etc. if they are using any product from the Rubashkin plant and act accordingly.

Any Sephardim or others that use Rubashkin's בית יוסף meat should perhaps do additional research (if that's possible) and act accordingly.

NOTE: The purpose of the בני תורה kashrus letter is to alert, inform, advise & raise issues of various kashrus concerns. "רק לעורר". We attempt by educating, to encourage the בני תורה consumer to call & write to the various persons who are in a position to correct some of the concerns we raise. We do not intend in any way to render a הלכה פסק. Any inferences, conclusions, opinions are strictly our own. For a מורה הוראה מובהק a הלכה למעשה should be consulted.

We would appreciate any first hand verifiable information regarding any שחיטה and related process. Regardless if it is chickens, veal, turkeys, beef etc. Please send it to us at P.O. Box 172, Lakewood, N.J. 08701

"Learn how to withstand animosity, and to weather unpopularity, and carry on the struggle, to uphold "Hashem's ideals".  
Quote from R' Shimon Schwab, זצוק"ל.

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# תורה בני KASHRUS LETTER

## CLARIFICATION RE: ELYON MARSHMALLOWS AND KOLATIN GELATIN:

There may have been a misunderstanding to others re: Elyon Marshmallows etc.. The Elyon Marshmallows that were produced in Israel for Passover 5755, were certified by the "OU" (U.S.) & Manchester Beth-Din, both highly respected Certifying Agencies.

## REPORT ON שחיטה רובין (Rechovot):

There was a very misleading headline in a "יגן אלול תשנ"ה" publication. The headline said that the depressing chicken שחיטה report by הרב אברהם רובין was on an "O-U" Certified שחיטה. The true fact is that the disheartening report was on a chicken שחיטה in upstate New York certified by the "STAR-K", and not the "O-U".

Rabbi Rubin was called in to inspect the כשרות standards of the chicken שחיטה and to issue his authoritative report, which was very disheartening. They published the authentic (there was circulated a falsified version) verbatim report of Rabbi Rubin's (Rechovot) findings, conclusions & recommendations.

## HOME GROWN, ערבות, הרסים:

etc. grown in your own yard should be cut by someone other than yourself or someone in your household. The הלכה of אוונכרי makes it the preferred way, to have someone else cut and then be מקנה them to you.

## PUTTING לולב IN WATER:

Putting the הרסים/ערבות in water for a period in excess of 24 hours may render them כבוש. (חתם סופר). You should therefore make sure that at least ג' מפחים is out of the water-not כבוש.

## WITH GLUE, לולבים:

There are unscrupulous individuals that have resorted to using clear glue to close an open תיומה that was פסול. By putting glue on an already open / split לולב does not make it kosher. You should check it carefully & publicize the ones that are attempting to sell them.

## בִּישׁוּל יִשְׂרָאֵל-לִ: DOES MILK NOW NEED:

In today's society the standard milk being consumed is pasteurized (cooked). Therefore it may have to be made לִ. (ע"י ש"ח מנחם יצחק, וש"ח מהרי"ץ). בִּישׁוּל יִשְׂרָאֵל-לִ farms it should be relatively easy to institute. It would be advisable to check the brand you're using.

## BASTING/PASTRY BRUSHES:

Most basting and pastry brushes are made from hair coming from non-kosher animals. Therefore make sure that non of the bristles remain in the food.

## בפרות

It is very important that the chickens that are used for בפרות are being fed and watered. איסור is an צער בעל חי. It is not befitting to "Shlug-Kapores" while being עובר on a דאורייתא.

## LIVER AFTER 3 DAYS (72 HOURS):

Liver may not be soaked and salted, it must be broiled properly prior to cooking or eating. Liver that has not been broiled prior to 72 hours from the time of the שחיטה, should not be sauted, cooked even after being broiled. Caterers & take out places should be asked if the livers were broiled within 72 hours from the שחיטה. You should inquire from your butcher. If it is beef liver, it must also be מנוקד (deveined) properly prior to broiling.

## PRODUCTS CONTAINING FISH AS AN INGREDIENT

Products such as Worcestershire Sauce, salad dressings (Russian, French), Bar-B-Que sauce etc. may contain fish as an ingredient. האל"ש in ר' שלמה קלוזנר is of the opinion that even if the amount of fish is less than שישים it may not be used with meat, because סכנה. If the ingredient is "anchovies" which is put in for its strong taste (טעמא) it may not be בטל even in less than שישים according to others.

## TONGUES NOT DEVEINED PROPERLY:

Pickled tongues originating in Brooklyn, NY have appeared in stores without being deveined (& metal wire plumba should have been removed prior to salting, & it was not). The tongues had incisions on both sides in a manner that was intended to deceive the non professional into thinking that it was deveined (מנוקד), when in fact it was not. Have a מומחה check it before using. The processor is under a השנחה.

## BANK OVERDRAFTS:

A bank overdraft from a bank that is owned by ישראלים, without a proper "HETER ISKA" may be a transgression of "RIBIS".

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