

# KASHRUT BULLETIN # 1

WHOEVER GUARD HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, GUARDS  
AS WELL HIS SOUL FROM SUFFERING (Mishle 21:23)

**There is no sin so severe as forbidden foods, since entire Jewish communities were lost and turned to evil ways because of eating treifos and neveilos.**

(Divrei Chayim-Yoreh Deah)

## THE MOST UPRIGHT BUTCHER IS A PARTNER OF AMALEK

See further the last chapter of Kiddushin (82a): "The most upright butcher is a partner of Amalek." Rashi explains that many cases of questionable kashrut come to his hand, and in trying to save money, declares them kosher, and - sell them as such. We can see to what extent the Rabbis evaluate the pitfalls resulting from the butchers, that they did not hesitate to use the sharpest epithet when referring to them. The expression, "partner of Amalek," is, by far, the sharpest epithet used in the Talmud. One's hair can stand on end when one thinks about how far this matter extends. For a question of doubtful kashrut the Rabbis called him such a name, and not only a usual butcher, but "the most upright butcher " so that no one can be confident in himself and say that since he appointed a reliable butcher, no pitfalls can result from him, and it is accepted that a Torah scholar does not allow any pitfall to result from his doings, especially if the butcher is really learned, since the Rabbis say that a Torah scholar will commit a minor infraction in order to prevent an ignorant person from committing a major infraction.

## WARNING

At first look you may wonder why we are writing on the situation of the Shechita in The United States and the world in general, aren't there many great Rabbonim and people fearful of Hashem in many cities and for sure the Shechita today is better than what it could have been back in Europe, and the Shochatim today are well versed and know the laws and have Yirat Shamaim. And if ever there were any problems with the Shechita

in past years it has already been corrected by now so basically we should have nothing to worry about.

We feel compelled to let everyone who cares for his life and that of his household to be wary of the excuses many times heard on the street when people start talking about the problems of Kashrut of meat. Some of the excuses are:

All the problems occur in other communities or in other countries but not here in our community.

All the problems have been already fixed.

All the Great Rabbonim are careful to check all the details.

How can it be that everybody is eating Nevelot and terefot?

We must warn the public that not only is the situation not better than what it was in Europe in the distant past but it's many times worse with the problems growing more severe with the passing of time.

The foundation of the laws of Kashrut is the Shechita and all other problems when compared to those of Shechita are minimal. When the shechita is not Kosher, we run the risk of eating Nevelot and Terefot, also we run the risk of eating the blood of the animal and we run the risk of eating forbidden fats (Chelev) and you surely know that the punishment for eating blood or Chelev is Karet (Same as eating on Yom Kippur or eating Chametz on Passover and the punishment consists on untimely death and that the soul is cut off from the world to Come, G-d forbid).

There are many pitfalls that occur in the Shechita, and they occur even in the Shechitot that are more careful and observant, and it's the same whether it's a shechita for large animals or for fowl. Don't fool yourself into thinking that the Shechita from which you eat doesn't have any problems.

*AN IGNORANT PERSON IS FORBIDDEN FOR HIM TO  
EAT MEAT (PESACHIM 49b)*

## WHO CAN CONTRADICT THE WORDS OF THE PELE YOETZ?

*It is extremely difficult to find meat that is kosher according to all views. I, therefore, derive much pleasure from the pious that are careful not to eat meat. (Pele Yoetz, teref).*

*Whoever wishes to avoid all risks, should be smart to eat only fowl (poultry) and not bovine meats - because the pitfalls are all too common and numerous with them. [And for eating the forbidden fat of bovine meat we become liable to the punishment of karet and this punishment does not apply to the consumption of poultry] (Shulchan Hatahor, Rabbi Aaron Roth o.b.m. (author of Shomer Emunim, Tohoras Hakodesh, etc)*

**ARE YOU REALLY WILLING TO RISK YOUR LIFE BY CONSUMING FOODS THAT ARE NOT KOSHER ACCORDING TO ALL OPINIONS, AND ARE BASED ON ALL POSSIBLE LENIENCIES IN KASHRUT LAWS USED BY THOSE WHO MANUFACTURE THEM? DID YOU KNOW THAT THE RABBIS OF THE EREV RAV ARE IMMersed IN THE BUSINESS OF ISSUING KASHRUT CERTIFICATES TO ALL KINDS OF FOODS? DO YOU KNOW THAT A LOT OF MONEY AND CORRUPTION EXISTS IN THE FIELD OF KASHRUT? PURE AND SIMPLE JEWS HAVE FALLEN PREY TOO MANY TIMES TO THE WRONGDOINGS OF THE EREV RAV! SAVE YOUR SOULS AND WATCH WHAT YOU EAT SO THAT YOUR EMUNA IN HASHEM WILL BE LEFT PURE AND NOT BE CONFUSED BY FOOLISH NOTIONS THAT ARE TOO PREVALENT IN OUR TIMES. MAY HASHEM GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO AVOID ALL THE DAMAGE THAT THE RABBANIM OF THE EREV RAV TRY TO INFLICT ON THE JEWISH PEOPLE, AMEN**