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KASHRUT BULLETIN # 14

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

EXCERPTS FROM THE ESSAY UNTIL WHEN?

A PAINFUL CRY BY THE GAON AND TZADDIK RABBI SHRAGA FEIVEL MENDELOWITZ, O.B.M.

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I ACCUSE THE RABBIS WHO PERMIT CHALAV AKUM

I accuse the rabbis, because of whose negligence, the laws of cholov akum (gentile milk and gentile cheeses) have virtually been forgotten. I know that there are various heterim for this, but they apply only when it is impossible to obtain Jewish milk and cheese. In our situation, however, with a little effort, order could be brought into this chaos, and "if one can be good, why should he be bad?"

HORSE MILK IS SERVED ALL OVER

It is especially noteworthy, that a certain agricultural school publicized in its report that unclean animals (especially horses) are milked all over. Consequently, our sages fear that the gentiles will mix in milk of unclean animals is equally applicable today as it was in Mishnaic times. I accuse our orthodoxy, for sleeping the sleep of Choni Hamaagel, who slept seventy years. They are completely unaware of what is happening around them and how our strongest ramparts are being smashed by our internal foes. They are unaware that all our holy traditions are being trampled underfoot, that our three thousand year hold heritage has all but completely disappeared. Yet, Orthodoxy sleeps. But how much longer?

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KASHRUT IS A FORTRESS THAT HAS PROTECTED THE JEWS

Do you know that all of the fortresses of Judaism which have protected us from destruction, the only one left is Kashrut, that the other mitzvos are observed very laxly even in Orthodox homes? And now Kashrut too is being smashed, yet you sleep. But how much longer?

EVEN WITH JEWISH EDUCATION, JEWS WHO EAT NON KOSHER CAN'T BECOME PROPER JEWS

If you have begun to build yeshivos and Talmud Torahs during the past few years, in order to give your children a Jewish education and to implant Jewish traits in them, do you not know that bodies nourished with Nevelot and Trefot cannot become Jews with Jewish character traits? Don't you know that Nevelot and Trefot clog the heart and cause predestined demise? Heaven forbid. Yet you sleep, but how much longer?

Don't you see what has become of your youth? Don't you know that Jewish children have become tramps, gamblers, gangsters, candidates for the electric chair, and all kinds of "ist"s only because they have been raised on Nevelot and Trefot, yet you sleep. But for how much longer?

EVEN IMMERSION IN THE MIKVEH WILL BE OF NO AVAIL

Don't you know that going to the mikveh every day to purify yourselves will be of no avail? Not even all the waters in the world can help, since you immerse yourselves, not with a carcass of a creeping thing in your hand but inside of you! And when you pray every morning and evening or when you learn your daily lesson of Torah, don't you know that the breath that emanates from your mouth is the breath of sin? Because it reeks of Nevelot and Trefot? Yet you sleep, but how much longer? When you wash your hands to eat a roll, or when you make kiddush, and the table is bedecked with challos, meat, fish, and all sorts of delicacies, and you say with each bite, "in honor of the Shabbos" you are angering G-d?. Yet you sleep, but how much longer?

I know that you will reply that "Jacob is small and poor", but look what Jacob's brother on East Broadway has accomplished, how he erected a fortress through the poor laborers, a fortress against Judaism, because he has united forces. Yet you sleep and do nothing. But how much longer?

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OUR FATHERS DIED FOR KIDDUSH HA SHEM AND YET HOW DO WE BEHAVE?

Gentlemen! Do a little soul searching and see how far you have strayed; remember that our parents have sacrificed their lives for kiddush Hashem; they allowed themselves to be burned and roasted in order to uphold our holy Torah, whereas you are not required to make any sacrifice; with but a handful you can save the situation. Yet you sleep. But how much longer?

HAVE YOU NOT FEAR OF THE DAY OF JUDGMENT?

Fellow Jews! Have you no fear for the great and terrible day of judgment? On that day you will no longer be able to come up with excuses or with a shrug of the shoulders. And I ask you, "How much longer?" And I say, "You sleepers, awaken from your slumber

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)

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 IMMERSSED 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