

KASHRUT BULLETIN # 30

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)

Can a Shechita (Slaughterhouse) not be in order when there is a Rabbi supervising the process?

Let's just say that this Rabbi also receives his salary for checking the slaughterhouse from the owner himself. And if the Rabbi is getting paid by the owner, Do you think the Rabbi is going to trouble the owner with the details of the law? Isn't the Rabbi getting in many instances more than 1 million dollars a year to supervise a slaughterhouse? We all know and understand what the holy Torah says: "Because bribes blind the eyes of the Wise men" Do you think 1 million is enough to blind anyone?

Let's quote here what was said by the Tzaddik and Kaddosh The Rebbe of Shapran ZTK'L in front of a great congregation in Williamsburg, New York: "Due to our many sins today, if the supervising Rabbi is G-d fearing, when he goes to check what goes on in the slaughterhouse where he gives the Hechsher, then he only sees through one eye (And the other one is blind) and if the Rabbi is not G-d fearing, when he enters the place, then he is blind with his two eyes".

The Rabbis, those who fear Hashem and those who know the situation of the Shechita nowadays are careful not to eat any meat from oxen or sheep in general and many are careful not to eat chicken either. These Rabbis do this in secret. They don't have the courage or the strength to come out in public to denounce the situation. And they also know that the mafias of the meat business will come out and persecute them and terrorize them. They fear for their jobs for the meat mafia will find ways for the

Rabbanim to lose their jobs. These Rabbis don't want to confront their communities by telling them not to eat meat.

Is it possible for an individual to go and check what goes on in the slaughterhouses, to see if everything is done according to the law?

The Slaughterhouses are in general very far from the cities and it takes many hours by car to reach them. In the large slaughterhouses, the owner doesn't grant permission to individuals [Who are knowledgeable, for others without knowledge may enter] to go in and see what is being done inside. And normally the more religious places are more strict about not letting visitors in than the less observant. Why? What do they have to hide? Anyway for a simple person to know what goes on inside a slaughterhouse he must first know: The laws of the Shechita, The actual working of the Shechita, etc.

Can someone eat meat if one is not certain of its Kashrut, if one is not certain that there are no problems of Terefot and Nevelot or even worse forbidden fats [Chelev] ?

Imagine for a moment: Would you eat any food about which someone told you that there's a possibility that the food contains poison that can kill you or anyone in your family? Of course you would not eat of such a food.

The RAMCHAL ZTK'L writes in Mesillat Yesharim (Chapter 11) that forbidden foods are indeed poison.

The Chafetz Chayim writes in his book Nidche Israel that after 120 years, the body and the soul must go through great pain in order to extirpate the bad parts from them that came through eating forbidden foods and that the pain of this process is excruciating. Do you think it's worth the pain because of some imagined self assurance about the meat being Kosher?

THE SHOCHATIM KILL THE ANIMALS WITHOUT MERCY LIKE A MURDERER WOULD

And now my son, listen to what the Shochatim do: They grab the knife with an elevated hand, and they stand next to the animal in an arrogant posture, and the animal is paralyzed and cries and gives its life, because there is no strength in her, and that tyrant [The Shochet] does not focus on the movements of the animal [In order to cut with the knife in the precise spot] but he focuses instead on the women and the townsfolk when he says: “Look what a great Rabbi I am, I am like SAMA-EL in that I also take souls” And when he sees the portions he receives he is happy and his wife receives them with joy and brags about it around the neighborhood and she says: “Look at our high level and the great level of the Rabbi SAMA-EL. In this fashion they will live and prolong their days, unless their actions bring them to be slaughtered as well.

EVEN RABBENU HA KADOSH SUFFERED FOR HE SHOWED NO MERCY TO A CALF

For come and see how great was the level of Rabbenu ha Kaddosh (Rabbi Yehuda ha Nassi) and when he didn't show compassion to that calf (Baba Metzia 85a) and he said to the calf: “For this you were created” He was then made to suffer great tribulations and His Torah did not protect him from this.

DO YOU KNOW WHO THE SHOCHATIM WHO SLAUGHTER THE ANIMALS THAT YOU EAT MEAT FROM ARE? DO YOU IF THEY ARE G-D FEARING? WOULD YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR MONEY? NO? THEN WHY DO YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR SOULS AND THAT OF YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN? WHY DO YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME?

NOWADAYS YOU ALSO NEED TO TRUST THE OWNER OF THE FACTORY WHERE THE ANIMALS ARE SLAUGHTERED AND YOU ALSO NEED TO TRUST THE BUTCHER WHO SELLS THE MEAT TO YOU

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO RELY ON THESE PEOPLE?

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.

The Cause of Increasing Daily Catastrophes

We read in Sefer Imrei Tzaddikim, (Divrei Geonim p 5): Where the shochet is honest, the shechitah is good and Elijah the prophet is in town. But, if the shochet feeds the people neveilos and trefos, he causes the Angel of Death to come to town [And Jews suffer tragic deaths, G-d save us]

From the aforementioned books we see that all catastrophes that befall us today are caused by shoachim who feed Nevelot (see also Shabbos 33b, Or Hachaim Shmini 11:43, Warnings of Mahartza, Mikdash Melech, Zivchei Shelamim, Darchei Teshuvah 60:5).

In the story of Purim we are told that Haman (A descendant of Amalek) got the strength to issue the decree to annihilate all Jews from the fact that Jews sinned when they enjoyed forbidden foods in the banquet of Achashverosh. I am sure that the reason there are shechitah gezeros (Jews being slaughtered by the Goyim) in our times is because we did not keep our eyes on the shoachim as we should. (Tiyul bapardes, concerning shechitah, by Shamlauer Rav)

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 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