

THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU EAT MEAT KASHRUT BULLETIN # 55

"The most upright butcher is a partner of Amalek."

(Kiddushin 82a)

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, taref).

THE WARNING OF THE AUTHOR OF THE SHNE LUCHOT HABRIT

We would like to refer to the writings of the eminent rabbi, Avraham Halevi Horowitz, (author of Shnei Luchos Habris – 1560-1630) in Section 100, where he deemed praiseworthy the stringency of prohibiting foods that carry a possible reason for prohibition. He writes as follows:

“The Torah warned about both prohibited and permitted foods in the verses regarding sanctification of the Jewish People and regarding not defiling one’s soul. The holy book, The Zohar, comments on this issue, stating that non-kosher food prohibited by the Torah carries impure spiritual forces, and therefore anyone eating such food defiles his soul, and acts as if he has no connection to things holy or to G-d himself. This is because the impure food becomes part of the person’s body and soul when he eats it, and it dwells in him, etc. A person should not eat anything about which there is controversy per the verse that states that a person should not follow the masses, because this involves an issue of Jewish law.”