

# KASHRUT BULLETIN # 6

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 PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD OF NIKKUR (PURGING ANIMAL MEAT FROM FORBIDDEN FATS)**

**THE JEWS WHO WERE METICULOUS ABOUT THEIR KASHRUT ARE THE ONES WHO WERE ABLE TO KEEP THEIR FAITH AND TO OBSERVE THE TORAH**

It is definite that nikkur of Chelev was always counted among the fields in which pitfalls were common. This is because of the ignorance of menakkerim (those who purge the meats out of forbidden fat) and the rabbis, as well as the slothfulness in doing the work with exactitude. Now the children of Israel were tempted by paganism in every generation. It was those who passed this test and also observed strictly the laws of prohibited food and drink, who merited leaving pure and holy generations, from whom a chain or progeny blessed by G-d has emanated from then until the present and from today until the coming of the righteous Mashiach.

**EVERYONE MUST CHOOSE IF HE WANTS TO RISK  
TRANSGRESSING THE PROHIBITION OF KARET**

Now, the entire Jewish people hang in the balance. Every Jewish soul bears much weight. Everyone can choose the path in which will bring him long blessed life with all the goodness in this world in addition to the reward in store for the World to Come if he avoids a prohibition listed among the most stringent, those punishable by Karet and those that clog the heart of the souls of the great and the small, that separates the soul from its root, until it is entirely cut off from the World to Come (as it stated in the holy Zohar quoted by Yesode Veshoresh Ha'avodah, Gate 7). This is the prohibition of Chelev, punishable by Karet like Chametz on Pesach.

**ARE YOU WILLING TO EXPOSE YOUR FAMILY TO  
KARET BASED ON FALSE ASSURANCES**

Now every G-d fearing person, who fears for his everlasting soul and for that of his children dare not feel at rest by false assurances, for perhaps they are not true, or with any other kinds of assurances, since thereby he is endangering his life and those of his children

for all time. Even eating Chelev inadvertently destroys from the soul to the flesh, surely to behave in this manner all one's life. Especially this is true, when we see trouble increasing daily, young people are being taken from the world and other troubles and sicknesses, which we hesitate to print, take their toll on men, women, and children, much more than the usual. Everyone wonders and asks, "What is this that G-d has done to us?"

**IT IS MORE SEVERE TO EAT FORBIDDEN FATS (CHELEV) FROM  
A "KOSHER" ANIMAL THAN TO EAT PORK**

Everyone knows how much the Chafetz Chaim o.b.m. warned our brethren in his time, when they were forced to wander to various places because of the terrible decrees of that period. He warned them that if they have, G-d forbid, no choice but to eat pork OR animals that died without being properly slaughtered, they should, G-d forbid, not eat meat from which the Chelev was not removed, but rather pork and animals that died without being ritually slaughtered, whose prohibition is merely a negative commandment, rather than, G-d forbid, to stumble upon the prohibition of Chelev, which is punishable by Karet. Yet, in our times, the situation has reached such an alarming low that without a decree by the government or any other coercion, they feed our brethren meat from which the Chelev is either not removed at all or at best not properly removed and in their innocence, many innocent G-d-fearing people are trapped in a terrible snare, whose results are so far-reaching, that it is utterly unbelievable even catastrophic in many instances testifying to the terrible occurrences of devastation we daily witness. Heaven have mercy.

**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.

## 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**