

THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU EAT MEAT

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

(Kiddushin 82a)

THE YETZER HA RA SITS IN A CHAIR WITH THREE LEGS

The "Chatam Sofer" of blessed memory (Orach Chaim 205) writes that the Yetzer Hara (the evil inclination) sits on a chair with three legs. The first being the Chazanim who do not properly direct the prayers of the Jews in their congregation, the second the Shochatim [Slaughterers] through whose fault Jews eat Nevaylot Utrayfot and the third the scribes who write Tefillin and Mezuzot improperly, so that- they are pasul, and these three are sufficient for the Yetzer Hara. We find similar things expressed by the Toldos Yaakov Joseph, (Parshas Noso) and also by the Vilna Gaon (Maase Rav 90) who writes that it is preferable to eat dairy food on Shabbat, rather than eating from a cow which was slaughtered by a Shochet who was not supervised by anyone during the Shechita.

WHO CAN CONTRADICT THE WORDS OF THE PELE YOETZ?

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