

THE Daf HaKASHRUS



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE OU RABBINIC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

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CHASUZA MILSA

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RC Recorder of OU Psak and Policy

THE SHULCHAN ARUCH (O.C. 513:3) says that if an egg that was laid on Yomtov (muktza) was used to whiten a food, even though it is less than shishim, it is not batel, since the egg was added for chazusa (color) and taste.

The *Pri Chadash* (Y.D. 102:5) explains that the nature of this issur is because a *milsa d'avida l'chazusa* is not batel. This is based on the *Gemara Baba Kama* (101a). The Gemara asks whether we consider the color of a dye that is absorbed in wool to be a tangible benefit (*chazusa milsa*). With the exception of orlah and shevi'is for which we have drashos to assur, this question is left unresolved. Since the Gemara does not give an answer, the *Pri Chadash* (102:5) says that we should apply the rule *safek d'orraisa l'chumra* and *safek d'rabbanan l'kula*. If a colorant which is assur d'orraisa is mixed into a food, even though it is batel b'shishim, since we see its effect, we must be machmir to consider the color as though it is b'en. However, if a colorant is only assur d'rabbanan, we can be *maikel* that *chazusa lav milsa*, and consider the colorant batel.

However, the *Minchas Yaakov* (74:5) and *Biur Ha'Gra* (Y.D. 102:6) disagree with the *Pri Chadash* and explain that the Gemara only discusses *chazusa milsa* in regards to *issurei hana'ah* (receiving benefit), but there is no *m'kor* that we say *chazusa milsa* regarding *issurei achila*. The *Shulchan Aruch* is dealing with a different concern

altogether. An egg laid on yomtov is a *davar she'yaish lo matirin* (since it becomes permitted after Yomtov), which is not *batel min b'mino*. The *Shulchan Aruch* mentions *chazusa* merely to explain that if it is the *derech* to add eggs to a *tavshil* (for whitening or for taste) then that would be enough to consider the eggs *min b'mino* of the *tavshil* and they are therefore not batel.

The *Pri Migadim* (Y.D. *Mishbitzos* 100:1) says that this dispute remains unresolved and therefore advises being machmir for colorants that are *assur min ha'Torah*.

Example: If carmine (a red dye extracted from the cochineal beetle) is used to color a food, even though the amount of carmine is much less than one part in sixty, since this is *avida l'chazusa*, we would not view the carmine as being batel. Since carmine is derived from beetles, it is *assur min ha'Torah*. Although *Pischei Teshuva* (Y.D. 87:20) brings a lenient opinion regarding carmine because the beetles are dried, the minhag has been not to accept this leniency. Rav Belsky explains that one may only be *maikel* if the drying ruins the food. But in the



case of carmine the drying of the cochineal is a necessary beneficial step and therefore they cannot be considered ruined. However, since the carmine is batel b'shishim, it would not give any ta'am, so there would be no need to kasher the keilim. If a company wishes to make carmine colored drinks, provided the carmine is batel, we would only require flushing out the lines.

Example: Uncertified grape skin extract (Enociania, Eno) is *stam yaynam* (issur d'rabbanan). If this was accidentally added to color a drink at below bitul proportion, then bidieved the extract would be batel.

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PUBLICATIONS

THE DAF HAKASHRUS

דף השנה חלקים ט"ז-כ'

THIS NEW publication consolidates years 16-20 of the דף השנה together with a useful comprehensive index. This fourth five year volume of דף השנה חלקים ט"ז-כ' with 398 pages is by far the largest of the five year volumes. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Rabbi Yosef Grossman at 212-613-8212, fax 212-613-0621, email grossman@ou.org or Avigail Klein at 212-613-8279, email aklein@ou.org. The cost is \$15. The set of all four volumes is available at the reduced rate of \$36. Checks made out to the Orthodox Union can be mailed to Rabbi Yosef Grossman c/o Orthodox Union, 11 Broadway, NYC, NY 10004.

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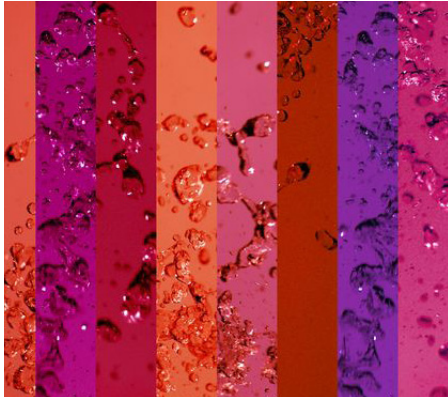


WHICH ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED AVIDA L'CHAZUSA?

The *Pri Chadash* and *Minchas Cohen* (brought by *Pri Migadim*) both explain that to be considered an *avida l'chazusa*, the ingredient must be intended for color. It is not significant if the ingredient happens to color, darken or lighten the food if that is not the intention of why it is added.

Example: Squid ink is added to pasta with the intent of coloring it black; therefore this is *avida l'chazusa* and would not be *batel*. However, honey is added to tea as a sweetener. Although it has an effect on the color of the tea, this would not be considered an *avida l'chazusa*.

Example: A clarifying agent that removes a haze or cloudiness is not a *milsa d'avida l'chazusa*. It is not the clarifier that is *nikar*, but only its effect.



ZEH V'ZEH GOREM

Often products contain more than one colorant. What if a product contains both carmine and synthetic red #40, where each component alone is not enough to properly dye the food red? Can this be viewed as a *zeh v'zeh gorem*?

The *Ran* (*Teshuva* 70) deals with a similar issue of leather colored with wine vinegar and dye, and concludes that even if the wine vinegar had been used for Avoda Zara we could be *maikel* because *zeh v'zeh gorem*. Although the *Pri Chadash* argues and says we should be *machmir*, *Pri To'ar* defends the *Ran*, and Rav Belsky has said that in this case we can be *maikel*. ■



to our dedicated administrative assistant
SHOSHANA ZUCKER
on her marriage to Yehuda

Freeman of Brooklyn, NY.

GLOSSARY OF OU TERMS

RABBI YOSEF GROSSMAN

RFR

Rabbinic Field Representative = Mashgiach. Eyes and ears of OU office. Reports to RC.

RC

Rabbinic Coordinator = Account Executive. Coordinates at OU headquarters a group of companies belonging to one industry for all matters of the plant/s relationship with the OU i.e. kashrus, financial and RFR. May be in charge of more than one industry. Reports to his Group Leader.

GROUP LEADER (GL)

Supervises the RC's in his group.

SCHEDULE A

List of ingredients approved by the OU for each facility.

GROUP 1

Ingredient listed on Schedule A currently approved from any source.

GROUP 2

Ingredient listed on Schedule A which is approved from specified source and does not require certified symbol.

GROUP 3

Ingredient listed on Schedule A which is approved from specified source with Kosher Symbol only.

GROUP 4

Bulk liquid (in tanker etc.) from specified source only. Documentation on last three loads or separate kosher certificate for delivery vehicle.

GROUP 5

Bulk liquid (in tanker etc.) from specified source with Certificate of rabbi who supervised loading.

GROUP 6

Non-Kosher – for use in non-kosher products and only as per OU instructions i.e. GROUP 6 ALLOWED in plant but NOT approved for use in certified products or GROUP 6 NOT ALLOWED in plant. If already in plant must be removed.

SCHEDULE B

List of OU certified products for each plant.

PL

Private Label = Where one company produces its in-house product for another company's label.

PLA

Private Label Agreement – Signed contract for authorization to produce a PL at an OU certified facility. The PLA is signed by all three parties i.e. the OU, the manufacturer and PL company.

CO-PACKER

An OU company which produces a product for another company using the unique formula of that other company which has requested the OU on its product.

IAR

Ingredient Approval Registry – Ingredients are submitted to the IAR for OU approval to be listed on company's Schedule A.

LOA

Letter of Approval – Sent by OU to company advising them of the status of their new ingredient submission. LOA states whether ingredient submitted is approved, rejected or pending more information.

LOC

Letter of Certification – Letter which certifies a company's finished product by a Kashrus agency.

OU DIRECT

Website for Internal OU Kashrus information and forms used by companies and OU Kashrus personnel.

UKD

Universal Kosher Database. Several kosher agencies share a data base and use a common UKD ID# to track approved kosher products.

RMC

Raw Material Code – A company's internal code to track ingredients.

EIR

Electronic Inspection Report – An electronic inspection report which an RFR sends to the RC.

EFR

Electronic Financial Report – RFR submits his electronic request for reimbursement.

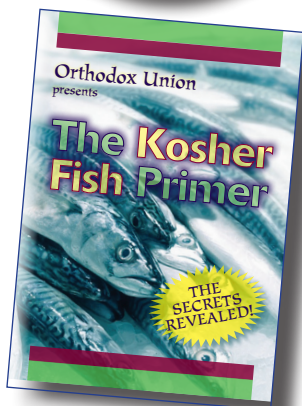
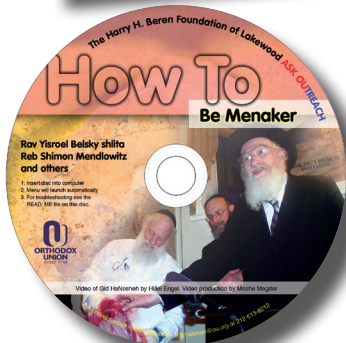
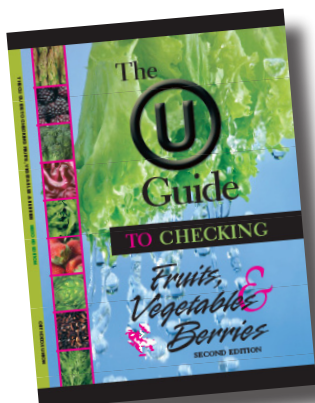
OU KOSHER APP

Has the ability to search for certified OU products. Receives updated Kashrus alerts and Kashrus FAQ's.

**NEW
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OU Kosher Educational Materials Order List

Check item(s) being ordered. Compute total payment. Make checks payable to the Orthodox Union and mail with this completed order form to Rabbi Yosef Grossman c/o Orthodox Union, 11 Broadway, NYC, NY 10004. For more information call 212-613-8212 or 212-613-8279 or email grossman@ou.org or aklein@ou.org.



| NAME OF ITEM | COST |
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| ___ How To be an Excellent Mashgiach audio disc | \$5 |
| ___ How To Check for Treifos DVD | \$5 |
| ___ How To be Menaker disc* | \$5 |
| ___ How To Set Up a Vaad HaKashrus disc* | \$5 |
| ___ How To Check for Insects DVD | \$5 |
| ___ How To Kasher disc* | \$10 |
| ___ ASK OU 91 Programs disc* | \$10 |
| ___ Entire "How To" Series. | \$25 |
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| ___ Insect Free DVD | \$10 |
| ___ What's Wrong with this Chicken? DVD | \$10 |
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| ___ Fish Manual | \$5 |
| ___ Oil Manual | \$5 |
| ___ OU Manual for Checking Fruits and Vegetables | \$10 |
| ___ OU Manual for the Foodservice Industry | \$10 |

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Dear Rabbi Grossman, Shlita

We received tremendous feedback from the bakery skype shiur, which was publicly shown this past Sunday. Aside from the Kollel, Jewish workers from the local bakery as well as a representative of the chasidic kashrus authority in Melbourne were in attendance, with the latter giving me a great yasher koach for the shiur which he said he enjoyed very much.

With best regards,

Yisroel Greenwald, Project Coordinator
Kollel Beth HaTalmud
Melbourne, Australia

Lichvod Rabbi Grossman and Rabbi Gersten,

Thank you so much for your truly informative and extremely clear answers (following ASK OU Catskills event). I am truly amazed at the interest and speed that you show to each individual. It is a true kiddush Hashem.

May Hashem bench you with koach, hatzlacha, and harchavas hadaas, to continue all your amazing work litoovas haklal.

Azriel Zakheim

Dear Rabbi Grossman,

I attended the ASK OU conference you held in my shul in Woodridge this past Sunday. The speakers you had, including yourself, were truly stellar, not only knowledgeable in their fields but also riveting orators. I learned so much and came away with useful, practical facts.

The reason I am writing, other than to provide you with positive feedback, is to let you know how grateful I am to the OU for accommodating female participants and going to the trouble of hooking up the video downstairs. There were several women who came down during the sessions and were in and out. I was the only woman who stayed for the duration. So I want to let you know that it was worth it for JUST ONE woman because of all that I learned that morning.

Thank you so much. HKBH should bench you and all the wonderful rabbonim in your organization..

Judy Fulda

PS I lived in Cape Town for a while and personally know Rabbi Maisels (who was the MC on the wine video); he is a powerhouse.

HARRY H. BEREN



OUTREACH

CATSKILLS SHABBOS NACHAMU SPECIAL EVENT

Celebrating 110 years of The Woodridge Shul



(L-R) Rabbi Elefant, COO, OU Kosher; Rav Yisroel Belsky, OU Posek; Rabbi Hillel Grossman, Morah D'Asra of The Woodridge Shul; interior of shul



CONSUMER Q&A

Addendum to OU Kosher Top Consumer Summer Questions

Q: IS COFFEE FROM CONVENIENCE STORES, REST STOPS, AND KIOSKS ACCEPTABLE TO PURCHASE WITHOUT CERTIFICATION?

A. In contrast to the response given regarding coffee prepared in a non-certified restaurant (see Daf HaKashrus Vol. 21 No. 8 P. 35), it is permissible to purchase a cup of unflavored coffee from a convenience store, rest stop or kiosk. This is because these types of establishments generally do not prepare non-kosher food, or, even if they do, dishes and utensils are washed by hand in a sink and not in a dishwasher.

This is true if the coffee is served from a coffee urn or pot. One should not purchase coffee from a vending machine which may have a common spout that is used for hot soups and other drinks.



KASHRUS ALERT

AMBRA SPAGHETTI AL NERO DI SEPPIA

(spaghetti with squid ink) produced by Tandoi Filippo E Adalberto, Corato Italy contains a non-kosher ingredient. Some packaging mistakenly bears an unauthorized © symbol. This product is being sold in Europe and corrective actions have been implemented.

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LAY'S STAX SOUR CREAM & ONION POTATO CRISPS

produced by Comercializadora pepsico Mexico, Coltongo mexico contain dairy ingredients and are certified by the Orthodox Union as an ©D dairy product. Some packaging was mistakenly labeled without the D-dairy designation. Corrective actions have been implemented.

GREAT VALUE ENRICHED INSTANT GRITS BUTTER FLAVOR

produced by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Bentonville, AR is certified by the Orthodox Union as an ©D dairy product. Some packaging was printed without the D-dairy designation. The product contains dairy as indicated on the allergen and ingredient statements. Corrective actions have been implemented.

SOPHIA POMEGRANATE JUICE produced by Sophia Foods, Brooklyn, NY bears an unauthorized © symbol. Corrective actions have been implemented.