WORKING FOR THE RIBBONO SHEL OLAM: A TIMELY MESSAGE FROM THE MASHGIACH

Excerpts from a recent address by Rav Moshe Wolfson Shlita, Mashgiach Ruchani of Yeshiva Torah Vodaas to AKO at OU World Headquarters

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מורי ורבותי – it's with a feeling of awe and veneration that I stand before this שהל אקדו which provides and insures this country and beyond with מאבלת בשרות. I thank the הנהלה of the Kashrus organizations for giving me the privilege to speak here and I thank you for being an attentive audience.

בראשית ברא אלקים – The רבש"ע created the world to be a utopia – a Gan Eden. Odom HaRishon – וינחהו בגן עדן and he was supposed to remain there for the eternal יום שכולו שבת in the Gan Eden. Alas, because of the חטא of the אין which brought מיתה to the world, he was evicted from the Gan Eden because of a אין – he did something wrong. It must have been something awfully wrong. Well it wasn't שפיכת דמים . It wasn't גלוי עריות. It wasn't אונדה ורה.

אבילה. He ate what he wasn't supposed to eat. That brought this tremendous tragedy to

the entire world for generations. He ate what's forbidden. Eating what's forbidden, the עו"א, אי"א, מטמם את הלב a smaller one than for אי"א, and אי"ש but it defiles the את הלב, its stuffs up the heart. Because you are what you eat, it becomes part of your very essence, of your עצמות, of your גידין, of your בשר, of your אחרא. You have admitted יצר הרע into your system. You have admitted יצר הרע your system.

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לא באתי אלא לעורר

BUTTER

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THE MISHNA (Avoda Zara II:5) says that in the time of the Tana'im they were gozeir on gevinas akum (cheese made by non-Jews), but as this was a recent gezeira, and they wanted it to become accepted, the reasoning was kept secret. The Gemara (A.Z. 35b) lists six possible reasons as to why Chaza"l were gozeir the issur of gevinas akum.

Snake venom משום ניקור.1

The cheese לפי שא"א לה בלא צחצוחי חלב 2. still contains milk droplets

3. מפני שמעמידין אותה בעור קיבת נבילה Formed with non-kosher animal rennet

The cheese is מפני בשומן פניה בשומן פניה 4. rubbed with lard

Formed with בחומץ אותה מפני שמעמידין אותה הon-kosher wine vinegar

6. מפני שמעמידין אותה בשרף הערלה The Gemara rejects this explanation Formed with sap of orlah

The Rambam (Machalos Assuros 3:13) and Shulchan Aruch (Y.D. 115:2) only cite as the reason for the gezeira, the concern that gevinas akum might have been formed with non-kosher animal rennet. However the Ra'vad and Rashba say that the gezeira was also because of שומן חזיר and חיות מולב. The Aruch Hashulchan explains that Rambam did not hold that שומן חזיר מחלב and יייר שומן חזיר שומן חזיר מחלב were sufficient reasons to be gozeir, since these issurim can potentially become batel in the

cheese. Only the עור קיבת נבילה which is a davar hama'amid will never become batel. However, Ra'vad and Rashba hold that regarding issurei nachrim (e.g. gevinas akum, chalav akum) Chazal did not rely on bitul. They did not allow even a mashehu of chalav tamei or shuman chazir.

One important nafka mina that comes out from this machlokes is the status of חמאת. Butter per se is intrinsically kosher, because it is made from cream that separates from milk and חלב שמא אינו עומר (milk from non-kosher animals does not form butter). The problem with אונו עומר (droplets of milk). These droplets of milk cannot turn into butter because only cream turns into butter. Yet, these droplets that are mixed with the butter can still potentially contain milk from non-kosher animals. Rambam permits מחמאת עבו"ם become batel. However, Rashba holds that Chazal were

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These מאכלות אסורות. the הדעת brought חורבו

on the world. Somebody who eats מאכלות אסורות we are told – it's in the יו"דחו and even with a מטמטם את הלב even with a small child, an infant we should be careful. It brings in an inclination to lust and somebody who is nebach מאכלות אסורות in מאכלות אסורות he can't have any חשק to Torah or to Tefilla. He can't have an intimate relationship with the רבש"ע. He can't.

We find by the story with יוסף he was sold for the שר הטבחים – so we're introduced to a new kind of שר – to a new kind of a minister. had a שר המשקים. He had a minister that was in charge of the drinks. He had a שר האופים. He was in charge of the baked goods. He had a שר הטבחים in charge of the steaks. It's very odd. President Obama in the White House certainly has a top quality chef who prepares the meals for the people in the White House, the personnel, the guests. But this chef is not in the Cabinet. He's not in government. He's an employee in the White House. President Obama has no Secretary of Culinary Arts. He has a worker in the kitchen. He's not a minister. But by פרעה it was different. The one in charge of the foods was a שר - a minister. He was in government. What's פשט in that?

As mentioned, the יצר הרע and טומאה and טומאה began- רע in the world was initiated - with the אכילת עץ הדעת טוב ורע. There is a constant struggle between עץ and the עץ and the is what initiated this struggle. There is a warfare between טהור and אד, between טהור and טמא, between כשר and כשר. The סטרא אחרא, the evil forces, they fight to promote in the ירבש"ע world and they are opposed by the צדיקים who want to promote זוהר הקדוש, the way the זוהר הקדוש describes him, was the אבי אבות הטומאה. The palace of שטן was the embassy of the שטן in this world. He was the captain of the סטרא אחרא, of the קליפה. He was a בקי in כישוף and the רמב״ן tells us that פרעה was a בקי, a הדול בחכמה מופלגת, he mastered the secrets of creation. He knew how to advance the כוחות הטומאה and he knew that its best done the way it

happened with אדם הראשון with food. Bring a טומאה into the food. Then טומאה will reign supreme. He knew the power of food and what effect it has on the person who eats. He appointed wizards of טומאה to be the members of his cabinet, to wage war against קדושה and טהרה. His counterpart in his time, in his country, was יוסף הצדיק, the שומר הברית, who waged war against טהור, who remained טהור and פתויים of the פתויים of the אשת פוטיפר. He brought קרושה into מצרים. He brought מילה into מצרים.

There is a פסוק in Koheles - זה לעומות זה עשה אלוקים. In בריאה after theאכילת עץ הדעת ורע there is טוב and רע. If there is טוב there is a counterpart in רע. If you find דע there certainly is a counterpart in טוב.

מאכלות אסורות they are the device of טומאה. You who are assembled here, the ערה הקרושה, the משגיחים of כשרות, you are heavenly appointed to be the ministers of קדושה. If there is a שר המשקים, a שר האופים, a שר הטבחים, a (if) there is such a concept of that in טומאה,

DON'T BE TRAPPED IN A SPIDER WEB OF PETTY **CONSIDERATIONS...** YOU ARE "SARIM"

you are the שר הטבחים, the שר המשקים and the טהרה of קרושה and טהרה. You are here in this world and you were appointed by the רבש"ע that Yidin should have uncompromised כשרות to promote קדושה and ... You are the שילוחים of the רבש"ע and you would have to disseminate קרושה and טהרה and as - ונקדשתם והייתם קדושים כי קדוש אני ה' אלקיכם it says in the פרשה of אסורות אסורות .

I am a תלמיד, a humble תלמיד of Reb Shraga Feivel Mendelowitz זצ"ל. He was the founder and the menahel of the Mesivta Torah Vodaas. His life was dedicated to disseminate Torah and יר"ש all over America. And he was interested in the growth of מוסדות חקדושים, not just his own Yeshiva. He was interested in the growth of other Yeshivas. He saw no competition when there was another Yeshiva flourishing and developing. He didn't find that it's against his interests. On the contrary when there's a new Yeshiva opening up as it happened in Baltimore, as it happened in Lakewood, he sent away his best חלמידים to be the nucleus of that new Yeshiva because he worked for the Ribbono Shel Olam. We're all working for one boss, for the מלר מלכי המלכים, the מלא מלר מלכי המלכים הארץ כבודו. He was an עבד to they"עם and all the Yeshivos are מוסדות of the רבש"ע. We are all עבדים to the רבש"ע.

In the solemn moments in a בית הכנסת when we open the ארון קודש and because of the כבוד of the ספרי תורות we stand up when the ארון is open we declare קודש בריך רבש"ע. I am your humble servant. I am dedicated to your nterests. When ministers of a cabinet compete with each other, woe to that government, woe to that country. A minister can't fall prey to personal greed. Ministers must cooperate to serve and benefit their country, to share knowledge. You Mashgichim I would want to say משגיחים הקדושים like רבותינו הקדושים, your ⊓⊃ goes into whatever Kashrus America and beyond has.

There is a כח הפועל בנפעל whatever a person does invests his מציאות, his very essence he gives into that no, he gives into that object. If a Baleh Bosteh cooks ערב שבת and says לכבוד שבת קודש there will be a special מאכלים in the מאכלים of Shabbos. She put into it. If a Mashgiach is extra careful in his עבודת הקודש by the השגחה, he actually puts מאכלים into the מאכלים manufactured by the entire company. You are שרי האופים דקדושה שרי טבחים. You're handpicked and chosen by the רבש"ע who is הזון ומפרנס לכל.

The גמרא savs אין אדם נוגע במה שמוכן לחבירו you can't touch somebody else's פרנסה. You might think you did but you're going to lose it in a different direction. Whatever clients you have, whatever clients your organization has or the other is determined בשמים on the basis of your devotion and dedication.....

With the cooperation and sincerity, you will deserve and earn מקדש to be מקדש the Jewish kitchen, to be מקרש the Jewish table. Don't be trapped in a spider web of petty considerations. Rise above that. You are שרים. You are ministers in the רבש"ע's government of this world, in his cabinet. שכרכם הרבה מאד תחזקנה ידיכם תחזקנה.

COAST TO COAST HARRY H. BEREN ASK OU KOSHER PROGRAMS

FROM coast to coast, OU Kosher experts will be bringing educational programs to large and enthusiastic audiences in the next few weeks. The communities are Hancock Park in Los Angeles in December, to be followed by Great Neck on New York's Long Island in early 2012, at a date to be determined.

On Sunday December 18 at 7:30 p.m., in conjunction with the Annual West Coast Torah Convention in Los Angeles, the Harry H. Beren ASK OU OUTREACH program will partner with the Rabbinical Council of California (RCC) for a special Community Kashrut Event at the Young Israel of Hancock Park. OU posek and Rosh Yeshiva of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, Rav Hershel Schachter, will present a shiur on Kashrut of the Kitchen and the Workplace, to be followed by a panel of kashrut experts in an ASK the Rabbanim session.

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gozeir on even a mashehu of chalav tamei and did not

allow for the regular heteirim of bitul and since inevitably some minute amount of milk droplets will remain חמאת עכו"ם is assur.

IS PLAIN USDA BUTTER ACCEPTABLE EVEN FOR THOSE WHO ARE MAKPID ON CHALAV YISROEL?

Shulchan Aruch (Y.D. 115:3) paskens that whether one may eat מאת עכו"ם or not, depends on one's minhag, and a city that has no minhag may permit חמאת עכו"ם provided the butter is boiled to ensure that the droplets of milk are batel. Therefore, it would be incorrect to include plain non-chalav Yisroel butter in a chalav Yisroel product, since there are communities that are makpid not to eat תמאת עכו"ם. Additionally, the cream that is used to make butter, is likely pasteurized in the same pasteurizer as regular milk (ben yomo), and the OU requires a full kashering of chalav stam kailim before they can be used for a chalav Yisroel product.

Even those individuals, who are makpid on chalav Yisroel but whose minhag is to allow butter, and are not makpid on blivos kailim of chalav stam, should ascertain that the butter contains no additives, such as starter distillate, which can be made from whole milk (not only from cream). Although only a very small amount of starter distillate is



added, it is not batel because it is an avida l'taama.

Another issue is the inclusion of whey cream. The Chasam Sofer (Y.D. siman 79) was asked about חמאת עבו"ם made from whey cream. He says that if the whey was made using animal rennet then the butter is assur. However, if the whey was made with kosher rennet then m'ikar hadin the butter made from this whey cream is permitted. However, he recommends that lichatchila one should not permit the המון עם to buy this butter. This chumra of the Chasam Sofer would be another reason to be careful if one is not buying chalav Yisroel butter.

את עכו"ם המאת עכו"ם חמאת

Rema (Υ .D. 115:1) writes that even those who have the minhag not to eat חמאת עכו"ם would hold that butter does not assur kailim and is batel b'rov. However, as we explained above, today's butter can be pasteurized in chalav stam kailim and therefore has a bliyas nat bar nat d'issura (for those who are makpid on chalav stam). So when we need to make pareve a line that contained butter, we must kasher as though it is issura bola, in order that the kashering will be acceptable for everyone. In cases of shas hadchak since we do not say ChaNaN by chalav akum, we can cheshbon how much possible bliya can be in the butter. Then if the percentage of butter is relatively low (less than 10%), it is possible that the bliva of chalav stam will be batel b'shishim. In that case we can be more lenient and view the *bliya* of butter as *heteira* bola.

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Whether one may eat חמאת עכו"ם is dependent on one's minhag.
- ▶ Shulchan Aruch is *maikel* for those who have no minhag, provided there is no צחצוחי חלב
- ► Today's butter has extra concerns starter distillate, whey cream, bliyos of chalav stam
- Non-chalav Yisroel butter should be treated like regular chalav stam (issura bola).
- ► In *shas ha'dchak* situations, if there is only a small percentage of butter, there might be reason to treat the bliyos in the equipment as heteira bola.

רבנו ירוחם "כבר למוד אותו החיבור בטעויות סופרים רבו מספור, וכמו שכתב גם הר"ר לוי חביב בתשובתו סימן ק"ט", וכן הש"ך בהלכות שכירות פועלים (חושן משפט סי' של"ה סק"טו) כתב "כי הלא נודע שספר ר' ירוחם יש בו הרבה טעיות."

3) נ"ל שהמקור להמנהג הוא, שהדרכי משה (ריש סי' פ"ט) כתב "ובהגהות שערי דורא רבים נוהגין להקל ועושין להם פשרה מדעתם להמתין שעה אחת..." היינו שעושים פשרה בין שיטות הרמב"ם שסבר שצריך להמתין שש שעות ושיטת התוס' שאין שיעור המתנה, ובלבד שלא יהיה בסעודה אחת, ומסביר הגר"א שהפשרה היא שעה שעה שעה בזוהר בזוהר בזוהר פי מאי דאיתא פי שעה שעה להמתין שעה להמתין שעה אחת של פי מאי דאיתא בתוך שעה אחת (זהו המקור להמתין שעה אחת בין חלב לבשר), ויוצאי גרמניה להמתין ג' פשרה מסתברת להמתין ג'

4) מש"כ לדייק בלשון הרמב"ם שכתב "כמו שש שעות" נראה שקשה לסמוך על דיוק זה, שהלא המחבר כתב בדעת הרמב"ם שלשון 'כמו' שש שעות היא לאו דווקא, וכן מבואר בהרבה ראשונים שתפסו בדעת הרמב"ם שלשון 'כמו' הוא לאו דווקא. ועי' רשב"א (חולין דף קה. ד"ה נמצא) שהביא דעת הרמב"ם וכתב שהוא שש שעות, וכן השערי דורא (סוף סי' ע"ו) כתב "העולם נהגו כפסק רבינו משה מיימוין שצריך ששה שעות בין סעודת בשר לסעודת גבינה". וכן בס' לקט יושר (עמ' ל"ה) כתב "ונהג כפוסק רבי משה ב"ר מימון, בין אכל בשר [בהמה] בין אכל בשר עוף היה ממתין ו' שעות בין סעודה לסעודה כשרוצה לאכול אח"כ גבינה". הרי שה"כמו" הוא לאו דווקא.

ועוד ואפ' אם נאמר שה'כמו' הוא דווקא, לכא' כוונתו שאין צריך בדיוק שש שעות, וסגי בקצת פחות, שהגמרא לא נתנה שיעור מדוקדק רק בין סעודה לסעודה. וכן הדעת קדושים (סי' פ"ט ס"ק ב') כתב "לא שייך בכך שיעור מצומצם כמדת חכמים חסר קורטב כו'. וכן ראיתי בשם ר' משה (ס' דברי חכמים) שבשעת הדחק סגי ב-5:50. למעשה המאירי כתב במקום אחד (מגן אבות עמ' מ"ו) "ואנו מחמירים עד שישהא שש שעות או חמש כשיעור שבין סעודה לסעודה". ואולי המנהג הוא

DAF NOTES

The following communication was received from Rabbi Gavriel Schuster, a former talmid of Rav Belsky Shlita in Yeshiva Torah Vodaas and presently learning in the Kollel of Mir Yerushalayim. It is presented to the Daf's readers because it contains many excellent insights and interesting on the subject of waiting between meat and dairy discussed in The Daf HaKashrus Vol. 20 p. 1.



לכבוד הרב יוסף גרוסמן

נהניתי ממה שכתב בדף הכשרות לקיים מנהג יוצאי גרמניה להמתין ג' שעות בין אכילת בשר וחלב, ויש קצת הערות והוספות.

1) מש"כ שהפר"ח וס' מזמור לדוד חולקים אם מחשביז בשעות שוות או שעות זמניות, אולי י"ל שהם חולקים במחלקות המג"א ומור וקציעה (מהיעב"ץ) באו"ח סי' קנ"ז אם סועדת ת"ח שהוא בשעה ו', הוא ו' שעות בחשבון של שעות שוות או שעות זמניות.

2) מש"כ שיש מקור למנהג יוצאי גרמניה מרבינו ירוחם תלמיד מהרא"ש ז"ל אחר' כר' חסדא 'אבינ' עד סעוד' אחר' כר' חסדא (איסור והיתר סי' ל"ט) וכן נהג מר עוקבא מפני שהבשר ושומן נדבק בפה זמן ארוך, וכ' ר"ב מפני שהבשר שבין השניים קרוי בשר שנא' הבשר עודנו בין שניהם והוא ג' שעות כרש"י." אבל צ"ע שאין מבואר ברש"י שהוא שלש שעות, וגם קשה לומר שרבינו ירוחם חולק על רבו הרא"ש מבלי שהביא לדעתו, וגם רבנו ירוחם בעצמו במקום אחר (נתיב ט"ו חלק ה' דף קל"ז טור א') כתב "אכל בשר בהמה אסור לאכל גבינה או חלב אחריו 'ואפי' שיטול ידיו ויקנח הפה, עד שישהא בין אכילת הבשר והגבינה כדי סעודה אחר שהוא לכל הפחות שש שעות", נראה יותר שמה שכתב ג' שעות הוא טעות סופר וצ"ל ו' שעות, וכן הב"ח (יו"ד סי' קמ"א סק"ה) בהלכות 'כיבוד אב ואם' כתב על

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The panel will consist of Rav Schachter; Rav Nachum Sauer, Rosh Yeshiva YULA; Rabbi Chaim Goldberg, OU

Rabbinic Coordinator; and Rabbi Yaakov Vann, Director of Kashrut Services at the RCC. Rabbi Goldberg, who is the OU's fish expert, will round out the evening with a presentation on Current Kashrut Issues of Fish. Rabbi Vann is a graduate of the first ASK OU Kashrut Internship program held at OU headquarters in 1996.

In January, in an event on the east coast now being planned, OU Kosher will present its first program in the Iranian Jewish community, with a session intended for both the Iranian and Ashkenazi populations of Great Neck. It will be held at Congregation Torah Ohr. This Harry H. Beren ASK OU OUTREACH program will mark the first time in any community that the OU's two poskim (halachic consultants), Rav Hershel Schachter and Rav Yisroel Belsky, will be appearing alone to offer shiurim and to answer questions.

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לסמוך על המאירי, מאחר שכל הדין להמתין ו' שעות הוא מדין חומרה (עי' רמ"א סי' פ"ט ס"א). גבריאל שוסטער

The Editor of The Daf responds.

Dear Reb Gavriel, Shlita

I just wanted to respond to what you wrote on "Kimo" of the Rambam. It appears to me that based on the Semah in Choshen Mishpot there is a clear machlokes between the Rambam and the Mechaber there and based on the Semah there is a definite machlokes between the Rambam and the Mechaber lishitosom from Choshen Mishpot to Yorea Deah. Others you brought would seem not to make a machlokes. I indicated in my article that there are those who say the mechaber is explaining the Rambam's "Kimo" to mean precisely 6 hours. I was just poin ing out that according to the Semah it would be a case of "lishitoso".

All the best. Rabbi Yosef Grossman

Rabbi Schuster responds.

About the "במו" in the Rambam, it does work out very nice "לשיטתו" accor – ing to the Semah. However it is hard to say that the מחבר understands that the "במו" of the Rambam is דווקא, and is arguing on the Rambam, since we see in three Rishonim that they explain the במו 's ממו to be לאו דווקא.

Furthermore I find it difficult to say that l'halacha the minhag to wait into the six hour is based on the מחבר's understanding in the Rambam (which the מחבר himself disagrees with) against three Rishonim.

Maybe we can say that the מאירי who says to wait five hours holds like the Rambam that the judges only start eating at the end of the sixth hour, therefore there is only five hours till the next meal and the Rambam holds that true judges only start eating at the end of the six hour (because they are trying to get in as much דיני מורה as possible. A regular Talmud Chachum starts eating at the beginning of the sixth hour- the משנה ברורה סי' קנ"ז סק"ג regarding when a Talmud chachum starts eating his morning meal says from the אחרונים a similar idea.

The Editor of *The Daf* responds.

I find it difficult to say that there are different times of eating for a Dayan and a Talmid Chochom. If this were the case, the Gemara in Shabbos on Daf Yud should have made this distinction when it lists the times of eating of various groups in society. Rav Hershel Schachter Shlita agreed with this point.



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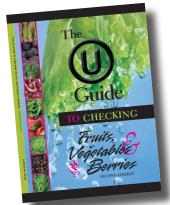
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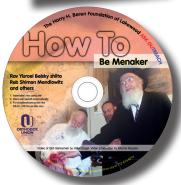
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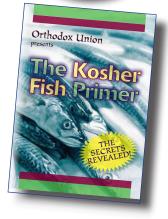
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