

KASHRUT BULLETIN # 39

WHOEVER GUARD HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, GUARDS
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)

I have seen a few Shochatim, some are Chassidim, they look perfectly well to me, and I am sure that they keep Torah and Mitzvot, So why say that they do such great evil to the Jews?

That's the way of the Satan, the way of the serpent, to look trustworthy when you're really not and this is the worst possible stumbling block for it makes it impossible to distinguish between a good Jew and an evil man, G-d forbid. Read the following and you will understand:

THE TZADDIK RABBI MECHLE MIZLATCHOV ZT'L REVEALS TO US WONDROUS SECRETS THAT THE SATAN WILL DO BEFORE THE COMING OF THE MASHIACH: THE SATAN WILL MAKE MANY CHASSIDIM, AND THEY WILL INCREASE IN THE WORLD IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS

Once the Holy Tzaddik Rabbi Mechle Mi Zlatchov, (look in the next paragraph where RASHI SAYS how greatly esteemed this Rabbi was in the heavens) fasted many times when he was already old. His students asked him why he was doing this. The Rabbi told them that the Satan wanted to eliminate the Chassidim from the world, and with many devices he caused the accusations and persecutions against the Chassidim to increase...

THE SATAN DEVISES A PLAN THAT THREATENS EACH AND EVERY JEW

...When the Satan saw that his plan was not succeeding, because he had no strength to eliminate them (The Chassidim), he devised a new scheme. He thought that he would also create many Chassidim, and that they would multiply greatly and they would mix with the true Chassidim that

separate themselves from the vanities of the world, and the true Chassidim would be mixed with the false Chassidim.

And when I saw what the Satan planned to do, I also fasted many times to eliminate this thought from the Satan, because this is the worst possible situation: That there will be many Kosher looking people, deceivers and one will not be able to distinguish who is authentic and who is false.

And the Holy Rabbi finally told his students: "I will not fast anymore, because I can't do much to annul the desire of the Satan, because the Yetzer Harah (The Satan) will exist in the future also, G-d save us, and He who will have the merit to sanctify himself, who will desire honestly to come to the Holy One Blessed be He and his eyes will illuminate from the Light of the King of life's face, he who will want to go in the ways of life and the paths of truth and rectitude, should do this: Do not mix with them (with the fake Chassidim) and the Holy One Blessed be He, will purify us for His Service AMEN SELA

WHO WAS THE TZADDIK RABBI MECHLE MIZLATCHOV ZT'L?

In the book Yismach Moshe on the Tanach, in the preface (Kuntres Tehilla Le'moshe pg. 11b) it says:

It is explained in the Zohar, (Parshas Teruma pg. 128b, and see there on page 129a) how they describe in length how great is the merit of the Tzaddikim who make the wicked repent.

I have also heard from my father-in-law zt'l, how once Rashi and the Rav Hakadosh R' Itzikl from Drahbitsch met in the upper world. Rashi asked R' Itzikl, which merit and Mitzvah does his son, R' Mechle the "Magid Meisharim" from Zlatchov has, that he hears a noise from all the worlds for this son. The Rav. R' Itzikl answered that he learns Torah "lishma" (for its own sake). Rashi was not content with this answer. He told him furthermore, that his son used to torture himself with fasts and different pains, and this also did not satisfy Rashi. He added, that he did much Chessed and Tzedaka (charity) to the poor etc. and Rashi was still not content. He told him that his son saved many from sin and has made many repent in the world, and then Rashi was finally satisfied with this answer, that explained why the entire host of angels made such a noise about this Rav.

It is obvious that such a tale cannot be told by someone with eyes of flesh, and only one whose eyes wander in the upper worlds and can hear and see what others do not hear, can tell of such a story.

We need to wait for Mashiach everyday and pray that he will come. Why do you bother us with these problems with Kosher meat?

Why Did the Son of Yishai Come Neither Yesterday Nor Today?

In the book entitled "Shimru Mishpat" (vol. 2, pp. 70ff.) written by Rabbi Akiva Joseph Shlesinger o.b.m. author of Lev Ha-ivriit he testified in the name of a great man from the ten tribes who sojourned with his father-in-law, Rabbi Hillel Kalamayer, during Passover, and he revealed many mysteries, one of which was: Rabbi Nathan Adler o.b.m. wanted to disqualify the shochetim of Frankfurt and to cast down the seal of the Devil that lies on invalid shoachim. Had he accomplished this, the Mashiach would have come. But Satan put up unscrupulous butchers who pursued him until they forced him to flee Frankfurt, and his disciple, the Chasam Sofer ran after him several parasangs.

I know a trustworthy person who became a Shochet, He was very decent and I don't see any reason why he would turn into someone else? Should I worry about him?

THE CHANGE OF THE BUTCHER'S PERSONALITY IS UNBELIEVABLE

In order to illustrate how far the power of the evil forces extends when the issue is the slaughtering of animals for meat or other matters concerning food, for then they exert themselves with all their might, and it is very difficult to extricate oneself from them even for those of high caliber, for example, let me state what the renowned saint and sage, Rabbi Chaim Halberstam of Sanz, stated in his responsa (Divrei Chaim, vol. 1, ch. 6) "I saw with my own eyes many G-d-fearing scholars, who visited tzaddikim, and after they learned shechitah, they changed so immensely that, had I not seen it, I would not have believed it."

THE THREE LEGS OF THE THRONE OF THE YETZER HA RA

Words of Torah are poor in one place and rich in another. This is explained by Rabbi Moshe Sofer o.b.m., author of Responsa Chasam Sofer,

that he heard the explanation of the matter from a sage, and he recorded this in Responsa Chasam Sofer, Orach Chaim ch. 205, that the evil inclination, known as the old and foolish king, sits on a throne of three legs, cantors, shoctim, and scribes. We find the same in Toledos Yaakov Yosef, parshas Naso, s.v. Veha'olah.

THE SHOCHET AND SATAN ARE PARTNERS

We find further on the verse, "And you shall slaughter as I have commanded you," that a shochet who has no fear of G-d, as is required, becomes a brother and a colleague of Satan, for their deeds are very much alike, and for that reason the numerical value of "Satan" [359] equals "lo shochet." ie. to him is the shochet, for the shochet likens himself to Satan. In what manner? In the manner the Rabbis delineate in Baba Basra, (ch. 1) the tactics of Satan. He goes down and entices, goes up and accuses, comes down and takes the soul. So does the negligent shochet. First he entices the people to eat from his non-kosher shechitah. Then he accuses; after he is trapped in his sin, he accuses; he assembles his relatives, his friends, and his acquaintances to instigate a quarrel with his opponents, and then he takes a soul. After he has been able to quiet his opponents and perform his work of trickery undisturbed, he takes the soul of the congregation and lowers them into the grave, G-d forbid!

I discovered in Sefer Chelkas Chaim, letter shin, section dealing with shechitah, that the word challif, the name given for the slaughterer's knife, is called so because it is liable to change (chalof) the shochet and also those who eat of his shechitah so that they change their faith - G-d forbid - as is explained in Tevuas Shor and in Responsa Divrei Chaim, vol. 1, ch. 7 - and also that he switches Elijah the prophet's lodging with the angel of death, as is explained in Imrei Tzaddikim, Divrei Geonim, p. 5, that when the shochet is righteous, then the shechitah is proper and Elijah the prophet is in town. If the shochet feeds the public with non-kosher meat, however, he brings the Angel of death to town. Moreover, he changes the person's soul from being believer in G-d and in His Torah to apostasy, as is explained in Degel Machaneh Ephraim, p. Ekev, quoting Rambam. Moreover, he switches a 'tes' for a 'dalles', making the verse read, "For the shochet blinds the eyes of the wise," instead of 'shochad', bribe.

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.

**EXCERPTS FROM THE SEFER SHEVET MUSSAR CHAPTER 36
THE SHOCHATIM KILL THE ANIMALS WITHOUT
MERCY LIKE A MURDERER WOULD**

And now my son, listen to what the Shochatim do: They grab the knife with an elevated hand, and they stand next to the animal in an arrogant posture, and the animal is paralyzed and cries and gives its life, because there is no strength in her, and that tyrant [The Shochet] does not focus on the movements of the animal [In order to cut with the knife in the precise spot] but he focuses instead on the women and the townsfolk when he says: “Look what a great Rabbi I am, I am like SAMA-EL in that I also take souls” And when he sees the portions he receives he is happy and his wife receives them with joy and brags about it around the neighborhood and she says: “Look at our high level and the great level of the Rabbi SAMA-EL. In this fashion they will live and prolong their days, unless their actions bring them to be slaughtered as well.

**EVEN RABBENU HA KADOSH SUFFERED FOR HE
SHOWED NO MERCY TO A CALF**

For come and see how great was the level of Rabbenu ha Kaddosh (Rabbi Yehuda ha Nassi) and when he didn't show compassion to that calf (Baba Metzia 85a) and he said to the calf: “For this you were created” He was then made to suffer great tribulations and His Torah did not protect him from this.

DO YOU KNOW WHO THE SHOCHATIM WHO SLAUGHTER THE ANIMALS THAT YOU EAT MEAT FROM ARE? DO YOU IF THEY ARE G-D FEARING? WOULD YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR MONEY? NO? THEN WHY DO YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR SOULS AND THAT OF YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN? WHY DO YOU TRUST THEM WITH YOUR SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME?

NOWADAYS YOU ALSO NEED TO TRUST THE OWNER OF THE FACTORY WHERE THE ANIMALS ARE SLAUGHTERED AND YOU ALSO NEED TO TRUST THE BUTCHER WHO SELLS THE MEAT TO YOU

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO RELY ON THESE PEOPLE?

The Cause of Increasing Daily Catastrophes

We read in Sefer Imrei Tzaddikim, (Divrei Geonim p 5): Where the shochet is honest, the shechitah is good and Elijah the prophet is in town. But, if the shochet feeds the people neveilos and trefos, he causes the Angel of Death to come to town [And Jews suffer tragic deaths, G-d save us]

From the aforementioned books we see that all catastrophes that befall us today are caused by shoachim who feed Nevelot (see also Shabbos 33b, Or Hachaim Shmini 11:43, Warnings of Mahartza, Mikdash Melech, Zivchei Shelamim, Darchei Teshuvah 60:5).

In the story of Purim we are told that Hamman (A descendant of Amalek) got the strength to issue the decree to annihilate all Jews from the fact that Jews sinned when they enjoyed forbidden foods in the banquet of Achashverosh. I am sure that the reason there are shechitah gezeros (Jews being slaughtered by the Goyim) in our times is because we did not keep our eyes on the shoachim as we should. (Tiyul bapardes, concerning shechitah, by Shamlauer Rav)

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).

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