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

Excerpts from a recent address by Rav Moshe Wolfson
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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 Rabbananim session.
IS PLAIN USDA BUTTER ACCEPTABLE EVEN FOR THOSE WHO ARE MAPKID ON CHALAV YISROEL?

Shulchan Aruch (Y.D. 115:3) paskens that whether one may eat chalav akum or not, depends on one’s minhag, and a city that has no minhag may permit even those individuals, who are makpid on chalav akum 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 biliya kailim of chalav Yisroel, 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’trauma.

Another issue is the inclusion of whey cream. The Chasam Sofer (Y.D. siman 79) was asked about eating chalav akum 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 milkar hadin the butter made from this whey cream is permitted. He recommends that lechatchila one should not permit the use of this butter.

This chumra of the Chasam Sofer would be another reason to be careful if one is not buying chalav Yisroel butter.

KASHERING AFTER CHALAV AKUM

Rema (Y.D. 115:1) writes that even those who have the minhag not to eat chalav akum 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 Yisroel kailim and therefore has a biliya nat bar nat d’issura (for those who are makpid on chalav Yisroel). So when we need to make pareve a line that contained butter, we must kasher as though it is issura bala, in order that the kashering will be acceptable for everyone. In cases of shas badachak since we do not say ChaNaN by chalav akum, we can chesbon how much possible biliya can be in the butter. Then if the percentage of butter is relatively low (less than 10%), it is possible that the biliya of chalav Yisroel will be batel b’bischin. In that case we can be more lenient and view the biliya of butter as heteira bala.

SUMMARY:

- Whether one may eat chalav akum is dependent on one’s minhag.

- Shulchan Aruch is maamakel for those who have no minhag, provided there is no murderer bala.

- Today’s butter has extra concerns - starter distillate, whey cream, biliya of chalav Yisroel.

- Non-chalav Yisroel butter should be treated like regular chalav Yisroel (issura bala).

- In shas badoch situations, if there is only a small percentage of butter, there might be reason to treat the biliya in the equipment as heteira bala.
The panel will consist of Rav Schachter; Rav Nachum Sauer, Rosh Yeshiva YULA; Rabbi Chaim Goldberg, OU Rabbi Yosef Grossman.

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 Besky, will be appearing alone to offer shuirim and to answer questions.

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 Chosen Mishpot there is a clear machlokes between the Rambam and the Mecherach there and based on the Semah there is a definite machlokes between the Rambam and the Mecherach Ishitosim from Chosen Mishpot to Yoreah Deah. Others you brought would seem not to make a machlokes. I indicated in my article that there are those who say the mecherach is explaining the Rambam’s “Kimo” to mean precisely 6 hours. I was just pointing out that according to the Semah it would be a case of “lishitoso”.

All the best,
Rabbi Yosef Grossman

Rabbi Schuster responds.

About the “רמב” in the Rambam: it does work out very nice “לשיחות” according to the Semah. However it is hard to say that the מחבר understands that the “רמב” of the Rambam is רשקות, and is arguing on the Rambam, since we see in three Rishonim that they explain the Rambam’s "Kimo" to mean precisely 6 hours. I was just pointing out that according to the Semah it would be a case of “lishitoso”.

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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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