

# Newsletter *for* Bnei Torah

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## Liquid food transported in tank trucks:

The tank trucks that transport liquid food product get washed pre-wash that removes the food product residue that is remaining. Plain (no soap) water is recirculated at 180F through a spray ball that is inserted in to the top of the tanker.

The pre-wash water is re-used from previous trucks that likely have transported non-kosher product. The tanker now has become non-kosher by the pre-wash hot water that was spray-

non-kosher after passing through the wash rack. The rest of the washing cycle is not sufficient to kosherize the *ben-yomo* tanker.

Product is sometimes filled hot or remains in the tanker longer than 24 hours. Some tankers are heated which will make it a *kli rishon*.

Some tankers will not do a washout in between similar loads. A parve chocolate without a cleanout may follow a dairy chocolate load.

## Palm, palm kernel & coconut oils -

The boats that transport the tropical oils also transport non-kosher oils. The boats for all practical purposes cannot be kashered. The method being utilized on a worldwide basis is checking whether the previous loads were a kosher product. The boat records do not always accurately indicate the previous loads. The boats do not want to go back to their point of origination empty. They will take a back haul to be dropped off on the return trip. The records do not always indicate the back haul.

The boats will at times carry at the same time kosher and non-kosher in different compartments with a common wall. There is also the piping of the non-kosher product going through the kosher oil. The oils are carried hot at most times.

The of the *Eida Hachareidis of Yerushalem* is the only one we found that has a fairly good control on the situation. The kosher certifiers should work together and have a tight control on the above major problem. Any tropical oils currently not

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*gebaken noch Pesach.*

We have found that if the current year 5758/1998 does not appear on the sticker the product should not be used.

## Bakery boxes are reused:

Commercial bakeries use boxes to ship product to their commercial customers. The boxes are then reused to ship their own products to their customers. Boxes that started out with dairy cakes and Danishes may now be used for parve product. Dairy should be written **boldly** on the perimeter of box.

We have also found *chometz chalos* in boxes where a bakery label kosher with a popular *hashgocha* was affixed to the outside. *Hashgochas* certifiers should not allow the use of reused boxes at any time. Boxes must be sealed properly.

## Olive oil purity:

It has been found that many (most?) Olive oil manufacturers tend to mix (adulterate) with other oils. As far back as 1880 56 the presidential party had trouble locating pure olive oil for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The pure, virgin and cold press etc. may also have problems ranging from the refining to pure adulteration. Therefore the only oil that should be used is the olive oil that has a Mashgiach from the pressing through the packaging. Some labs and mashgichim have confirmed our fears.

## Grak =Generally regarded as kosher (A/K/A Group 1

Many food items or ingredients are regarded as kosher even without a *hashgocha*. The reason is that at this moment in time we do not know of any kashrus concerns. As time goes we do realize that we have not kept up with the fast paced food

The food industry has thousands of food chemists / technologists coming up with new innovative methods. It is practically impossible to keep up.

We must still have our own chemists / technologists and labs to verify our kosher certification. Product should be sent for lab analyses on a constant basis.

The kosher certifiers should not be using the group 1

certified product for which all of the ingredients were checked and verified that they are indeed kosher

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The truth must be heard,

Whatever the circumstances, regardless of the consequences.  
The truth must be stated-loudly, clearly and unequivocally

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(Quoted *bi-shaim* Reb Ahron

## Glucose tolerance test drink:

We have discussed previously at length the reasons of not using the flavored glucose tolerance test drinks without a *hashgocha*. A relatively small kashrus agency misquoted Rabbi Chaim Goldzweig as not requiring a *hashgocha* on the flavors. The Criterion Sciences manufactures a Glucose Tolerance drink with (kof-K) kosher certified flavors. The flavors are Orange, Lemon-Lime and Cola.

## Coffee and tea on airlines:

The metal coffee and tea pots used on airlines to serve hot beverages are not kosher. The teapots are washed together with the non-kosher utensils. The pre-wash first compartment of the commercial dishwashers does not have soap in it (even if soap is considered a *poigim*). The wash cycle can not be considered a *kosherization*, therefore the coffee and tea can not be used on the airlines. Hot water taken directly from the wall-mounted unit in the galley should not be a problem.

## Carmines or other animal based products:

There are Companies that claim to be producing their products without using any animal based product. When we review the ingredients on the package we do find animal based ingredients in the product. The above affects many of the lipsticks etc. even from some of the *heimishe* companies.

## Honey- flavored and non-flavored:

It has come to our attention that some honey manufactures do mix (adulterate) their honey with corn syrup etc. (*kitniyos*). Some (see above article), therefore they will certify the honey as kosher without a sufficient *hashgocha*. The honey manufacturers that have also flavored honey, even their non-flavored honey may be a *kashrus* problem in itself.

## You now have a choice, a regular Hashgocha or a Heimishe:

The Star-K kashrus agency and Rabbi Yechiel Babad of Tartikov now have basically the same kashrus standards. The kosher consumer now has the option to choose a regular Star-K *hashgocha* or the *heimishe* Reb Yechiel Babad *hashgocha*.

## Buying from a store that has sold his Chometz properly:

Some storekeepers that have sold their *chometz* properly do not realize and go into their stores on *chol-hamoed*. They go into their stores for the purpose of setting up all of their shelves with the ( ) *chometz* products to be ready for business right after *yom-tov*. Was the *Mechiras chometz* proper?

## Double Hashgochas on Pesach:

There appears on some *pesach* items a *hashgocha* from 2 different certifiers. Upon closer observation we see that only one agency is actually certifying the product for Passover. The other agency only says kosher *parve*. The kosher consumer is

wondering why?

(Buyer beware)

## Seals on fish, meat and dairy products etc:

There is laxity in accepting only properly sealed containers of fish, meat and dairy products. The fish and cheese salads in containers require proper seals. Currently not all of the salad companies have proper seals on all of their containers.

## Delivery services of prepared foods:

Sandwiches or meals delivered to your office require proper seals. Lunches delivered to schools require proper seals. Pizza delivery services require proper seals. Chinese food delivered requires proper seals. Milk (for your coffee) in gas stations (*cholov-yisroel* milk available) requires proper seals. Once opened it can not be used.

## Bottled water needs a Hashgocha:

The companies that bottle water do not necessarily have their own equipment. They use other facilities to bottle and pasteurize their water. They do use some of the milk bottling facilities to bottle and pasteurize the water. It should not be used without a proper *hashgocha*.

The purpose of the Newsletter for Bnei Torah is to alert, inform, advise and raise issues of various concerns. We attempt, by educating, to encourage the kosher consumer to call and write to the various persons who are in a position to correct some of the concerns we raise.

We do not intend in any way to render a *Psak Halacha*. Any inferences, conclusions and opinion are strictly our own.

We appreciate any kashrus information and issues that the public sends us. Please send copies, as we are unable to return any originals. Dedications are welcome.

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And carry on the struggle,  
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