

# דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

## RUST [Part 1]

Rust must be removed from a utensil before it is *kashered* because rust prevents direct contact between the *hag'alah* water and the utensil (*Rosh*), and food might be trapped between the rust and the metal (*Taz*). In cases where we can be sure there is no food trapped underneath the rust, the first reason applies but not the second. That said, both reasons are limited to cases where there is some actual rust, but if the metal is merely discolored then all agree that the utensil can be *kashered*.

It is very common that when a retort shell is made of carbon steel, the interior will be completely covered with rust. [More on retorts, including how they should be *kashered*, in a future installment]. Does this mean that it cannot be *kashered*? A simple answer might be that this rust forms as soon as the interior of the shell comes in contact with water, which would be when the retort is set up and tested. The layer of rust is completely formed before the food is ever processed in the retort. Accordingly, the non-kosher *ta'am* was never absorbed directly into the shell, but rather was absorbed into the metal through the rust. Therefore, it is sufficient for the *hag'alah* water to have contact with the rust and not the metal (*Rosh*) and there is

no concern that food is trapped underneath the rust (*Taz*).

## cRc POLICIES

36. Does rust have to be removed from a utensil before *hag'alah*?  
Yes
37. If a utensil is discolored but there is no tangible rust or other residue, can *hag'alah* be performed?  
Yes
38. If a hot coal or torch is placed onto a rusted area until that spot reaches *libun kal* temperatures, does the rust still have to be removed before the utensil undergoes *hag'alah*?  
No
39. If rust formed on a utensil before that utensil was used with non-kosher food, does the rust have to be removed before *hag'alah*?  
No
40. Does rust have to be removed from the interior of a retort shell, before the shell is *kashered*?  
No

### מראה מקומות

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