

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

SALT AND BRINE

Shulchan Aruch rules that if non-kosher food is particularly salty it can effect a transfer of *ta'am* from the itself into other foods even if there is no heat. If, however, the *issur* is not salty, *b'lios* are not drawn out of another food even if the permitted food is salty. Similarly, salting/*melichah* can cause *ta'am* to be absorbed into a utensil but never out of a utensil. This is because the utensil is always viewed as being "non-salty" so *ta'am* can never come out of the utensil via a salty food.

However, *Rema* says that *l'chatchilah* one should be *machmir* and not use a non-kosher container to salt kosher meat, because there are those who argue that salty food can draw *ta'am* out of a utensil. One of *Rema's* applications of this position is that utensils in which meat was salted during the year, should *l'chatchilah* not be used for salting meat for *Pesach*. There were *b'lios* all year long, and *l'chatchilah* one must assume that the salting of *Pesach* meat will draw out those *b'lios*.

Rema's example is based on a secondary concern that the salting-containers had *chametz* in them. There is no inherent reason why anyone would put bread into that type of container. But as a *chumrah* for *Pesach*, one must be concerned that there might have been some breadcrumbs or other *chametz* mixed into the salt (or food being salted) at some point during the year. Therefore, *l'chatchilah* one cannot use the container for *Pesach* without *kashering* it beforehand, but *b'dieved* if it was used the food may be eaten.

The idea that one must be concerned that *chametz* was used in just about any utensil, is applicable in many situations. For example, if a person has a mug that they only use for plain coffee and they never wash it with other dishes, they still cannot use that mug for *Pesach*. Our *Rema* teaches that they must be concerned that they may have once let someone use the mug for another beverage, or that they dunked a piece of cake into a hot coffee, or that they washed it with *chametz* dishes, and have just forgotten about those uses.

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