

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

FRYING PANS

In *hilchos Pesach*, *Shulchan Aruch* accepts the lenient opinion that a *machvas* can be *kashered* with *hag'alah*, and *Rema* says that it is preferable to perform *libun*. Yet in *Yoreh Deah* the only opinion cited is one which says that it must be *kashered* with *libun*. The *Poskim* explain the reason for these different rulings is that as relates to *Pesach* we rely partially on those *Rishonim* who say that *chametz* is considered *hetairah balah* and never requires *libun*.

The concept of *hetairah balah* was discussed in a previous installment. There we saw that all agree that kosher meat and kosher milk (which were not cooked in the same pot) are *heter*, and therefore a *machvas* being *kashered* from one of those can surely be *kashered* with *hag'alah*.

Shulchan Aruch implies that his strict ruling for year-round applies in all cases but *Iggeros Moshe* rules that if one performed *hag'alah* on a *machvas*, *b'dieved* they can rely on that even as relates to year-round *kashering* assuming the pan was *aino ben yomo*.

We saw in the previous installment that a *machvas* is a pot or pan used for frying, where the oil sometimes dries up along the edges of the food (but not in the center) so that the food is in direct contact with the pot. That direct contact is the reason why some are of the opinion that *libun* is required. Rav Schwartz understood that this refers to a standard frying pan into which someone puts a small amount of oil

to fry with, but all agree that a deep fryer can be *kashered* with *hag'alah*.

In contrast, the *Poskim* say that there is one case where all agree that *libun* is required – if someone just greases a pan to prevent food from sticking to it. In that case, the oil put onto the pan is so minimal that it surely is not a barrier between the food and pan, and the frying pan must be *kashered* with *libun*. Rav Schwartz said that these *Poskim* are referring to the way people would prepare a pan for frying by rubbing a stick of butter on it, and the modern version of that is people who spray Pam onto the pan before frying or use a Teflon frying pan with barely any oil. But if the person puts in a more meaningful amount of oil – as would be common when frying pancakes or an egg in a non-Teflon pan – that is the case of *machvas* where some allow *hag'alah* (as noted above).



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93. Should the following be *kashered* with *libun* or *hag'alah*?

#	Use	Pesach	Year-Round Heter*	Year-Round Issur**
a.	Deep fryer	הגעלה	הגעלה	הגעלה
b.	Frying pan used to fry pancakes in a few tablespoons of oil	ליבון גמור [due to halachic and practical considerations]	הגעלה	ליבון גמור
c.	Frying pan used to fry pancakes after (only) being sprayed with Pam	ליבון גמור	הגעלה	ליבון גמור

* Year-Round *Heter* includes a pan used for kosher meat which is being *kashered* for use with kosher milk (or vice versa), or a pan used for kosher meat which was *aino ben yomo* when it was used for kosher milk (or vice versa) and is now being *kashered*.

** Year-Round *Issur* includes pans used for kosher meat and milk within 24 hours of one another, or for non-kosher food (e.g., גבירת עכו"ם, נבילה). [If the food was only forbidden because it is *bishul akum*, see *Imrei Dovid, Pas Yisroel and Bishul Yisroel*, Chapter 48].

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