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LIBUN KAL SOURCE

In previous installments we have seen that anytime a utensil can be *kashered* with *hag'alah*, one can substitute *libun kal*. *Shulchan Aruch* hints at this in several places but the one location where this is stated explicitly is in *Rema* 451:11...and even then, only according to some versions of *Shulchan Aruch*.

That is to say that in all editions *Rema* says that *libun kal* suffices for a *machvas* but there are variations on where that comment is placed. In older editions, that was placed after *Shulchan Aruch* said that some are *machmir* that a *machvas* requires *libun*, in which case *Rema* is merely stating that if *libun* is a *chumrah* then *libun kal* is good enough. But in more recent editions – including the one printed with *Mishnah Berurah* – *Rema's* comment is placed at an earlier point where *Shulchan Aruch* was still accepting that *hag'alah* is enough and merely recommended *libun* for parts of the *machvas* that cannot physically fit into the pot. On that, *Rema* says that since *hag'alah* truly suffices for the *machvas*, one may substitute *libun kal*.

Thus, *Rema* as per the more recent editions is codifying that *libun kal* can always be used as a substitute for *hag'alah*.

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