

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

POSSIBLE CHAMETZ USE

Shulchan Aruch discusses the *kashering* of a mortar/מזוכה in which spices are ground. Spices are not *chametz* and most people correctly assume that they never put anything *chametz* into their spice grinder. Nonetheless, one is required to *kasher* the mortar because of the possibility that *chametz* was ground (or that *chametz* was mixed into the spices while they were being ground). This is an example of the principle of כל מילתא דלא רמייא עליה דאיניש עביד which means that people do not remember or focus on things that are irrelevant. In this case that means that it could be that months before *Pesach* the grinder was used for *chametz*, but no one remembers that since – at the time – the presence of *chametz* was unimportant. Therefore, when *Pesach* comes, the grinder must be *kashered* in case it had been used for *chametz* sometime during the year.

For example, a person keeps an electric hot water urn on their counter all year round, and it is how the family gets hot water for tea and instant coffee which are kosher for *Pesach* year-round. If they want to use the urn for *Pesach*, they must *kasher* it since during the year someone might have warmed up a *challah* on it or poured water directly from the urn into an oatmeal or instant noodle soup. Although no one in

the family remembers doing that, they must be concerned that when it happened it was לא רמייא עליה and it therefore slipped their mind.

In this context, Rav Schwartz ruled that if it is the type of urn which is not brought to the table, is not washed with *chametz* items, and the family is 100% sure that they (and their children and guests) never used it for anything but heating hot water, and there was no inadvertent hot *chametz* contact (e.g., being accidentally splashed with *chametz*), it may be used for *Pesach* without *kashering*. Most homes are not disciplined enough to reach this level of confidence and should therefore *kasher* the urn.

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108. A person wants to use one of their year-round utensils for *Pesach* and cannot remember ever using it with *chametz*. Do they have to *kasher* it?

Yes. However, if the family is very disciplined in how they use their devices and can therefore be 100% sure that no one used it for *chametz* and there was no inadvertent hot *chametz* contact, it can be used without *kashering*.

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