

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

CUPS USED OCCASIONALLY FOR HOT

Shulchan Aruch says that if there is a drinking cup which is generally used for cold *chametz* liquids (e.g., beer), but occasionally someone will put hot *chametz* into it (e.g., cake into a hot tea), the cup can be used for *Pesach* after it is merely cleaned and rinsed. This is based on his position that one can rely on *רוב תשמישו*, and accordingly *Rema* adds that the *Ashkenazic* custom is to require *hag'alah* since there are times (*מיעוט תשמישו*) when the cup is used with hot *chametz*. [For more on that disagreement, see DK 31-32].

However, *Mishnah Berurah* records a significant leniency that is that in the case of cups, not only can they be *kashered* with *hag'alah* (as *Rema* says), but they can even be *kashered* using *milui v'irui*. We saw in DK 75 that *milui v'irui* is only suitable if the *chametz* (or other forbidden item) was absorbed at ambient temperature via *kovush*. Therefore, logically it should not be appropriate for this case where the *kashering* is being performed because the cup held hot *chametz* at some point. Nonetheless, since it is only a *chumrah* to be concerned with *מיעוט תשמישו*, and since the cup will be *aino ben yomo* when it is *kashered*, one may rely on *milui v'irui* which removes a certain amount of *ta'am* from the cup.

This leniency has a very specific application in hotels which run a kosher program for *Pesach*. One of the challenges they face is

that the *Ashkenazic* custom is to not *kasher* glass which means that the caterer cannot *kasher* (or use) the hotel's non-kosher drinking glasses. However, *Mishnah Berurah* is teaching us that the caterer can *kasher* his own kosher drinking glasses which were used year-round. Those glasses are primarily used with cold beverages, and only occasionally are they washed with hot water. Even that washing is done with kosher dishes, just that there may well have been *chametz* on them.

Thus, these are glasses which are being *kashered* from *מיעוט תשמישו* of hot *chametz*, and in that exact case *Mishnah Berurah* says that a person can rely on *milui v'irui*. [This line of reasoning would not apply to the hotel's glasses since those were washed (and used) with hot non-kosher foods, and we saw in DK 75-76 that *milui v'irui* is not effective for standard non-kosher]. In fact, many kosher *Pesach* programs rely on this leniency as a means of *kashering* drinking glasses, rather than having to purchase special ones for *Pesach* and store them from year to year.

CRC POLICIES

148. A caterer used drinking glasses all year round at kosher events. Can the glasses be *kashered* with *milui v'irui* to be used on *Pesach*?

Yes



מראה מקומות

שולחן ערוך סימן תנ"א סעיף כ"ה
משנה ברורה סימן תנ"א ס"ק ק"נ