

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

RINSE AFTER HAG'ALAH

There is a *minhag* that immediately after *hag'alah* one should rinse the utensil off with cold water. Several reasons are suggested as the basis for this *minhag*:

- Some *Rishonim* held that the way to prevent *ta'am* purged with *hag'alah* from being reabsorbed into the utensil, is by keeping the utensil in boiling water. Once the water stops boiling, non-kosher *ta'am* will be absorbed, unless the utensil is quickly cooled off. We do not follow this approach, but in deference to that opinion, a *minhag* developed to maintain the practice of rinsing in cold water. (*Tur*).
- Utensils used with *kodashim* require *מריקה ושטיפה*, and one element of that is a cold rinse, and people began doing the same for standard *kashering* as well. (*Tosfos, Sefer HaTerumah*)
- In certain cases, it is forbidden to use *hag'alah* water since it contains remnants of extracted *ta'am*. In other case, part of *kashering* is to scrub the utensil to remove non-kosher food residue. Rinsing the item off is a way

of removing the water or residue. (*Bach*)

Consumers who are *kashering* utensils at home, and *Mashgichim* who are *kashering* items for food service use, typically comply with this *minhag* and rinse the items after *hag'alah*. In contrast, the common practice is not to perform this rinse when industrial equipment is *kashered*, possibly because it is just a *minhag* and non-Jewish companies are not obligated in that *minhag*.

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176. When cRc oversees a *kashering*, should we insist that the equipment be rinsed with cold water at the end of the process? Does it make a difference if the owner of the company is Jewish? Is there a difference between *kashering* at home, for food-service, or in an industrial factory?

Kashering at food service locations or at a home should include a cold rinse after *hag'alah*, but we do not have to insist on that when *kashering* an industrial facility.

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