

The Kashrus Status Of Hershey Chocolate Products

The latest issue of The Kashrus Newsletter features an exclusive letter to Kashrus Newsletter readers from Rabbi Menachem Genack, Rabbinic Coordinator of the Kashrus Division at the OU, which clarifies the confusion so many are experiencing regarding which Hershey's products are and which are not

under OU supervision, following a recent marketing decision at Hershey's Chocolate Co. to remove the OU logo from its packaging.

Because of their concern for the kosher consumer, and the realization that Hershey's chocolates and syrups represent a basic food product to many kosher consumers across

the country, the OU is treading carefully here and is maintaining its supervision despite the fact that the OU logo will no longer appear on the packaging. Understandably, this situation puts an additional responsibility on the consumer to check carefully which products are under supervision.

According to Rabbi Genack, only those Hershey's products manufactured at Hershey's Chocolate Co., Hershey, Pa., are under OU supervision.

Thus, Hershey's Frostin', Hershey's Ice Cream, Sherbert and novelties, which are all produced elsewhere, are not under OU supervision. Also, all Hershey's products that are imported, as indicated on their labels, are not under OU supervision.

Are Forbidden Fats Appearing In Our Meats?

Whether the American system of removing forbidden fats (chelev) from our meat is adequate has

become the topic of much heated discussion in inner New York City following a recent statement by leading menakrim in Israel criticizing the American system of nikur. Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, Shlita, has defended the American customs of nikur, yet individual butchers may or may not be doing a good job. The Kashrus Newslet-

ter has investigated this issue and tells us what to look out for.

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