

**Kosher 101**  
**Rabbi Moshe Davis**

**KOSHER 101 COURSE OUTLINE**

**CLASS I – WHAT NEEDS TO BE KOSHER?**

**CLASS II – DIVISIONS BETWEEN MEAT AND MILK**

**CLASS III – WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG (IT HAPPENS!)**

**CLASS IV – MISCELLANEOUS LAWS (BISHUL AKUM, STAM YAINAM, TEVILAT KEILIM, KOSHER TERMS, ETC.)**

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**CLASS I**

1. Why keep Kosher?
2. What is Kosher?
3. How do I know if a product is kosher?

**1. WHY KEEP KOSHER?**

**Shemot 22:30**

You shall be a holy people to Me, and you shall not eat the flesh of an animal that has been torn in the field, but you should throw it to the dog.

**Ramban, Torat Hashem Temimah**

The Torah further enlightens us with the secret of cause and effect. It forbade us from eating certain animals, birds and fish. This is in keeping with the other laws of the Torah, which are beneficial both for the body and the soul. For all these forbidden foods are known to be foods which are not good for one's health. However, besides this they cause damage to the soul. This is why the Torah writes, "They will make you blocked up (*nitmetem*)" without the letter *aleph* (which would spell *nitmeitem* – you will become impure) to teach that they block up the heart. An illustration of this point can be found in the list of non-kosher birds. These are all birds of prey, except for two, and include all the birds of prey in the world. These birds are all cruel. Through consuming their flesh and blood, the soul absorbs the attribute of cruelty. Therefore it is appropriate that the Jewish people, who are commanded to be merciful and to love one another, be forbidden from these things.

**Sefer HaChinuch Mitzvah 73**

The reasons for this mitzvah [of Kashrut]: The body is a tool for the soul, and through which the soul accomplishes its tasks. The soul cannot function without the body. Any deficiency of the body will thus limit the soul's ability to function. Therefore, the Torah instructed us to refrain from eating anything that could cause us damage. This is the simple explanation for the forbidden foods in the Torah.

Do not be surprised that some of these dangerous foods are known to us, but not to doctors, because the Faithful Doctor, Who instructed us about them, is far wiser than you or any human doctor. How foolish is someone who thinks that these foods are not dangerous because he does not know that. You should know that it is for our benefit that the Torah does not explain why they are forbidden or the damage they cause. Because some people may come and claim to be very wise, and tell us that the dangers that the Torah refers to in a certain food is non-existent, or that it applies only in a certain place, or only to certain people. Lest you be swayed by their words to follow these fools, the Torah did not reveal to us the reasons [as to why certain foods are forbidden], to spare us from this stumbling block.

### **Kli Yakar, Devarim 14:21**

The reason for the laws of kashrut is not for physical health benefits, as the Ramban explains. We see that non-Jews eat non-kosher foods and are healthy. Rather their purpose is for the well-being of the soul. Non-kosher foods remove the spirit of purity and holiness, and create a blockage in the intelligence, and cause cruelty. This only helps "them," Israel, for they will live in the world to come. But for non-Jews there is no purpose in this mitzvah.

### **Ramban, Devarim 14:21**

The reason it states, "For you are a holy nation to the L-rd, your God" in connection to "Do not eat a kid in its mother's milk" is not because this is a disgusting food. Rather, it is forbidden in order that we should be holy regarding our food and not act as a cruel and merciless nation – milking the mother in order to cook her kid in her milk.

All meat and milk is included in this prohibition (even when someone does not cook meat in its mother's milk, which one might think is not considered cruel) nonetheless, since any nursing mother is called a "mother," and any nursling is called a "kid," cooking them together is always considered cruel.

### **Pri Tzadik, Tazriah 3**

The observance of the laws of kashrut encompasses all the other laws of the Torah. In the Garden of Eden the snake was only able to entice them [Adam and Chava] to sin by creating a desire for the forbidden food [the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil]. Someone who is careful about only eating kosher foods and imbuing them with holiness thereby keeps all the mitzvot of the Torah, because the only way that the Evil Inclination can rule over a person is through eating and drinking, as the verse states "You shall eat and drink ... Be careful lest your heart lead you astray" (Devarim 11: 15-16).

In the Zohar it states, "The tree that Adam HaRishon ate from was wheat, others say it was grapes, and others say it was a fig. These opinions do not disagree with one another, but are all true." How can they all be true when they disagree about the facts of what happened?

The truth is that when the Torah states, "The Tree of Life was in the middle of the garden..." This means that the inner spirituality of each tree in the garden was the same as that of the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If Adam had eaten first from the Tree of Life in every other food that he ate he would have tasted the taste of Torah, which is life. But when he ate from the Tree

of Knowledge of Good and Evil he made every other food contain within it the taste of that tree, and this is the source of all sin. When a person corrects this sin through eating in holiness, he thereby keeps all the mitzvot and is saved from the challenges of the Evil Inclination.

## **2. WHAT IS KOSHER?**

### **Mammals – Vayikra 11:2-3**

Speak to the Children of Israel saying: These are the creatures that you may eat from among all the animals that are upon the earth. Everything among the animals that has a split hoof, which is completely separated into double hooves, and that brings up its cud – that one you may eat.

### **Birds – Vayikra 11:13**

These shall you abominate from among the birds, they may not be eaten – they are an abomination: the eagle, the osprey, the *aznaya* ...

### **Ritual Slaughter – Devarim 12:21**

And you shall slaughter from your herd and from your flock that God has given to you as I have commanded you and you may eat meat to your soul's desire.

### **Vayikra 22:8**

Do not eat from a carcass or from a torn animal, to be contaminated through it; I am God.

### **Sciatic Nerve (Bereishit 32:33)**

Therefore the Children of Israel do not eat the *gid hanasheh* on the hip-socket to this day, because [the angel of Esau] struck Yaakov's (Jacob) hip-socket on the *gid hanasheh*.

### **Fats and Blood (Vayikra 3:17)**

It is an eternal statute for all your generations in all your dwelling places – all fats and all blood you shall not eat.

### **Combinations of meat and milk (Shemot 23:19, 34:26, Devarim 14:21)**

Do not cook a goat in its mother's milk.

### **Fish (Vayikra 11:9)**

This is what you may eat of all that is in the water: You may eat any creature that lives in the water, whether in seas or rivers, as long as it has fins and scales.

### **Insects (Vayikra 11:20-31)**

Every flying insect that uses four legs for walking it is an abomination to you. The only flying insects with four walking legs that you may eat are those which have knees extending above their feet, [using these longer legs] to hop on the ground.

### **3. HOW DO I KNOW IF A PRODUCT IS KOSHER?**

- Identify if the product requires kosher certification
- If it requires certification, check to see if it has a 'good' certification
- Some products with 'not-good' certification may still be ok
  - Call or text Rabbi Davis
  - Ask reliable kosher agency
- Check if product in question requires process to be made usable

**AND GET THE KOSHER APP!!**



## Persistent Seafood Fraud Found in South Florida

July 2012

Authors: Kimberly Warner, Ph.D., Walker Timme, Beth Lowell and Margot Stiles

### Executive Summary

In Florida, the state's residents and its visitors enjoy eating and catching seafood. In fact, Floridians eat twice as much seafood as the average American. At the same time, Florida has a long history of uncovering and addressing seafood fraud, specifically the substitution of one species of fish for another less desirable or less expensive species.

Oceana recently investigated seafood mislabeling in South Florida as part of a campaign to Stop Seafood Fraud. The results were disturbing. Nearly a third of the seafood tested was mislabeled in some way, leaving consumers with little ability to know what they are eating or feeding their families, and even less ability to make informed choices that promote sustainable fishing practices, or even protect their health.

### Key Findings:

Overall, Oceana found 31% of seafood mislabeled in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale-area in this 2011/12 survey. Fraud was detected in half of the 14 different types of fish collected, with snappers and white tuna being the most frequently mislabeled.

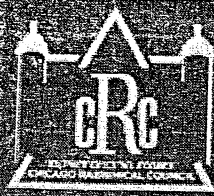
- Red snapper was mislabeled 86% of the time (six out of seven samples).
- Grouper, while mislabeled at a lower level (16% of the time), had one of the most egregious substitutions: one fish sold as grouper was actually king mackerel, a fish that federal and state authorities advise women of childbearing age not to eat due to high mercury levels, which can harm a developing fetus.
- Atlantic salmon was substituted for wild or king salmon 19% of the time (one in five times).

Sushi venues had the highest proportion of mislabeled samples, with more than half of samples (58%) mislabeled. Grocery stores had the lowest (8%) mislabeling, and restaurants were in the middle with 36% (about one in three) of the fish fraudulently labeled.

- White tuna was mislabeled 100% of the time, as was white fish and yellowtail purchased in sushi venues. Escolar, another fish with a health warning, was substituted for fish labeled "white tuna" and "white fish."
- Notably, the only correctly labeled red snapper sample came from a sushi venue.

Even though seafood fraud was exposed in Florida in the 1980's, it continues to be a problem for many fish, especially in sushi restaurants. Compared to fraud levels reported in Florida in the past:

- The overall seafood mislabeling levels appear to have remained fairly steady since 1985, ranging from 15-31%.



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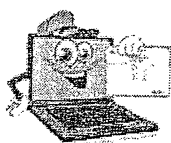


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## Kosher Dry Fruit List

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FRUITS	Needs Kosher Certification year round?	Needs Special Pesach Kosher Certification?	Needs Checking for Infestation?	Kosher even without Certification For Canned? (Excluding from China which is never acceptable)
Apples	YES	YES	NO	Only In Own Juice
Apple Sauce	Flavored Only	YES	NO	Only Unflavored
Apricots	NO (With no additional flavors)	YES	NO	Only In Own Juice
Bananas	YES	YES	NO	N/A
Blackberries	YES	YES	YES	N/A
Blueberries	YES	YES	YES (only wild)	N/A
Cherries	YES	YES	NO	YES
Cranberries	YES	YES	NO	N/A
Currants	YES	YES	NO	NO
Dates	NO (With no additional flavors)	YES	Pitted or Domestic - NO Not Pitted or Foreign - YES	N/A
Figs	NO (With no additional flavors)	YES	YES	N/A
Goji Berries	NO	YES	NO	Only In Own Juice
Mangoes	YES	YES	NO	N/A
Oranges	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
Papaya	YES	YES	NO	N/A
Peaches/Nectarines	NO (With no additional flavors)	YES	NO	Only In Own Juice



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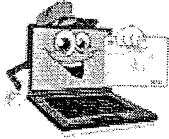
The following is a list of dried spices that are acceptable for kosher use without specific Kosher supervision. This list should not be used for Passover.

In all cases where a spice is listed below, the ground, chopped, powdered or whole version of the spice is acceptable. Fresh spices and herbs may be a concern with insect infestation.

\*\*See below for exceptions to the spices listed.

To see an article on Spice Blends by Rabbi Dovid Cohen click [here](#).

Allspice	Cumin	Peppercorns (Any Color)
Anise	Dill	Pepper
Basil	Fennel	Rosemary
Bay Leaf	Fenugreek	Saffron
Black Pepper	Garlic- whole or powder (not toasted or roasted)**	Sage
Caraway	Ginger	Salt
Cardamom	Lemon Grass	Savory
Chervil	Mace	Sesame Seed White & Black (Raw only)
Chili Peppers**	Marjoram	Sumac (pure)
Chives	Mustard Powder and Mustard Seed	Tarragon
Cilantro	Nutmeg	Thyme



Cinnamon	**Onion (not toasted or roasted)	Turmeric
Cloves	Oregano	White Pepper
Coriander	Paprika	
Cream of Tartar	Parsley	

\*\*See below for exceptions to the spices listed.

The following do require kosher certification:

All Smoked Spices
Chili Powders
Horseradish, all forms (powder, granulated, dehydrated etc.)
Wasabi Powder
Toasted or Roasted Dry Garlic
Fresh Chopped Garlic

All spice blends require certification.

Some common spice blends include:

Curry Powder
Garlic Salt
Lemon Pepper
Onion Salt
Salt Substitutes
Sugar Substitutes

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# Directory of Kosher Certifying Agencies

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There are more than 1100 kosher certifying agencies around the world! For a complete list of Kashrus agencies (which includes both cRc recommended and non-recommended agencies) visit **Kashrus Magazine Online** (or call 1-718-336-8544). Special thanks to Rabbi Yosef Wikler, editor of Kashrus Magazine.

As a public service, the Chicago Rabbinical Council is presenting a list of common acceptable kosher symbols and their agencies' contact information. The fact that a particular agency does not appear on this list does not imply that the cRc has determined it to be substandard.

**Note:** There are three areas of kashrus that require extra dilligence and research even when bearing a recommended kosher symbol. There three areas are: meat, certified for Passover hotels, and cruises.

## Understanding the Reliability of Kosher Agencies

Rabbi Sholem Fishbane

Kashruth Administrator of the cRc

Due to a growing world market and ever-changing technology, the food industry has become more complicated than ever, and the kosher food industry is no exception. At one time, a woman did all of her family's food preparation in the kitchen...

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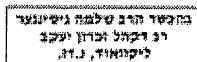


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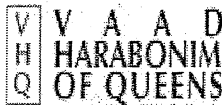


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