



Purchasing Non-Kosher Food for Employees

3. There is a dispute among the *poskim* whether one may purchase non-kosher food for his non-Jewish employees.

The *poskim* who prohibit it consider this to be in the category of "business," which is prohibited. The *poskim* who permit it consider it an ordinary, permissible *hana'ah* (enjoyment) to give food to an employee. Some *poskim* cite an alternate reason for leniency: this purchase falls under the abovementioned category of "occasional" transactions that are done to prevent a loss and are permitted.

(Beis Yosef and Rema Y.D. 117; Taz and Shach ibid; Darchei Teshuvah ibid:27; Aruch Hashulchan ibid:19; Daas Torah-Maharsham Y.D. 60:7; Shevet Halevi 6, 114:3)