



Purchasing Lunch for Employees

4. If one wants to purchase a *fleishig* lunch for his **employees** – and kosher meat would be a lot pricier – he may, *lechatchilah*, give them money to purchase food, even though he knows that they will use the money to purchase non-kosher food. This is because it is not considered as if he purchased it for them. *(Knesses Hagedolah Y.D. 117; see Darchei Teshuvah ibid, 27; Teshuvos V'hanhagos 2:393 and 394; Rav Yechiel Mechel Steinmetz shlita)*

5. If it is not possible to give them the funds – and it is necessary to purchase the food – one may, according to *halachah*, rely upon those who permit directly purchasing non-kosher food for non-Jewish employees. *(See Shach Y.D. 117:3; Pri Chadash ibid; Teshuvos V'hanhagos 2:394; Rav Yechiel Mechel Steinmetz shlita)*

6. Nevertheless, the *poskim* say that a *yarei Shamayim* should ideally

follow the stringent *poskim* and only purchase kosher food. Therefore, wherever possible, one should *lechatchilah* not rely upon any leniencies.

(Maharam Schick Y.D. 136)

Reminder: We took a short break from the regular halachos of Yichud and Kreiva, and we'll spend the next few weeks discussing halachos related to the Gentile holiday season. After we conclude these halachos, we will return to the halachos of Yichud.