

Do My Keilim Have to be Sold to a Non-Jew?

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Question: I noticed that in the *shtar mechiras chometz*, it says something about my *keilim*, my food utensils, being part of the sale. What are we concerned about in regard to the *keilim*? Are we worried about *bliyos*, the chometz taste that's absorbed into them?

Answer: There is no problem with *baal yirae* or *baal yimatze* for *bliyos* because they are not tangible.

The reason *keilim* are mentioned is that the Gemara in Bava Basra says that if one wants to sell something with a *kinyan chatzer* – which is one of the *kinyanim* used in the sale of chometz – the *keilim* that are holding the item being sold must also belong to the buyer. Even if the property belongs to the buyer, if the utensils storing the goods belong to the seller it would be an issue.

Selling the *keilim* to the non-Jew, however, creates a problem because this would mean that they all would require *tevillah* in a mikvah after Pesach. The Poskim, therefore, suggest that the best way to do it is to give permission to the Rov to rent or lend the *keilim* to the non-Jew. This way, the *kinyan chatzer* would work and the *keilim* would not need *tevillah* after Pesach.