Tevilas Keilim: Ritual Immersion on High Tech Items Rav Yosef Jacobowitz

Min haTorah- only metal needs immersion. *Midrabanan* - even glass [since it's similar to metal that it can be molded into a shape]. There are two components:

- 1. The mitzvah-One must *toivel* prior to using for eating
- 2. The issur-It is prohibited to use a utensil without prior immersion What is

the halacha regarding utensils that cannot be immersed? [coffee makers, etc.]

- Some say it is similar to utensils owned in partnership with a non-Jew
- Rama -these items don't require immersion.
- Bais Meir- disagrees.
- Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach concurs with Rama, since issur is only midrabanan. When tvilah will not remove the tumah from the non-Jew's portion, one may use without tvilah.
- Since it is plugged in to the wall, it could be possibly considered *mechubar lekarka*, and not obligated in immersion at all.
 - What is the halacha regarding utensils in a hotel that doesn't toivel?
- Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach permits to use without immersion. Similar to utensils owned jointly with non-Jew, when *tvila* is not an option, [the hotel won't allow you], there is no prohibition of using without *tvila*.
- Rav Moshe Feinstein disagrees with Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach in hotel scenario. [He only permits eating cold food off the plate, but not the utensils.] It could be he would agree regarding the coffeemaker.