

## Ⓢ Document Z-32 The Ⓢ Hafrashas Challah System

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The following is a copy of the *nusach* which an Ⓢ representative says to be *mafrish challah* at a Jewish owned company. A detailed explanation of it can be found in Ⓢ M-10.

- I. Opened boxes of matzah<sup>1</sup> which are *tovul l'challah* should be placed in the room where the mixing is done. It may be covered but unsealed and should preferably be touching the mixing machine.
- II. Written and oral authorization to the Ⓢ should be given by the Jewish owner of the company to separate *challah* on their behalf at all times. Re-authorization should be made from time to time.
- III. Initially when the container of matzah is placed in the plant, the *Mashgiach* should hold the box of matzos in his hand with the front or back of the box facing him and say:  
*One fifth of a gram of matzah in an approximately square shape from the first matzah in this box in the upper right-hand corner of the matzah facing me, should become challah on behalf of the next lishah that takes place for belilah avah at the time when that lishah takes place; or on behalf of the next baking for belilah rakah when that baking is completed; whichever comes first. And one fifth of a gram of matzah uniformly distributed around the part of the matzah already designated as challah should become challah on behalf of each succeeding lishah or baking, at the time of such lishah or baking as above.*
- IV. Every morning thereafter someone at the OU office should say:  
*Each time a lishah will be made at -- PLANT NAME -- at -- PLANT LOCATION<sup>2</sup> -- until the next time this nusach is said,\* then from the boxes of matzah in the mixing room set aside for hafrashas challah,<sup>3</sup> one fifth of a gram of that matzah uniformly distributed around the matzah already designated partially as challah should become challah on behalf of those lishos which are belilah avah at the time when that lishah takes place, and on behalf of the items baked from a belilah rakah when the baking is completed.\*\* And if the matzah used until now is all used up for hafrashas challah purposes, the next matzah behind it should become challah in the same fashion. Namely, first one fifth of a gram in a square shape from the matzah's upper right hand corner, directly behind the first area designated as challah in the matzah used until now, should become challah etc.*
- V. If it is certain that at least one of the Jewish owned companies is not taking *challah*, a *bracha* should be recited before saying this *nusach*.

\* If there is a good chance that *challah* is taken at the plant, the following should be added at this point: "in case *challah* will not be taken at the plant".

\*\* If grains other than wheat are being used for baking, matzos of that type of grain should be placed in the bakery in a separate box and the following added at this point: "from each *min* on its own *min*".

<sup>1</sup> The precise quantity of boxes is determined in accordance with the number of *lishos* at the plant.

<sup>2</sup> If the *nusach* is being said for more than one plant, then the person may write the names and locations of the plants onto a single piece of paper and say "Each time a *lishah* will be made at any of the plants listed on this paper until the next time..."

<sup>3</sup> Every year during the beginning of June, a new production of matzah which *tovul l'challah* should be placed in all bakeries alongside of the old box until October 30 when the old box may be removed. During the interim period between June 1 and October 30, add the following at this point: "and from the same year as the flour in the *lishah*..."