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Lunch with Pierre and Reuven

It was almost time for Reuven's lunch break. He put up a pot of spaghetti and meatballs on the fire then went back to the counter to wait on customers. Pierre, who is an expert cook himself, was in the back chopping vegetables. Out of curiosity he lifted the cover to see what was cooking. "This sauce could use some of my magic spice," he thought. He took a pinch of spice out of his pocket and sprinkled it on the sauce. Then he gave it a taste. Just then Reuven entered the kitchen. "What are in those spices you're adding?" he asked.

"Garlic, pepper, ginger, onion powder and powdered milk."

"Oy! Well, there is certainly 60 against the milk and I bet you didn't put in enough that the powdered milk can be tasted."

Pierre tasted it and said, "You're right. I don't taste any milk."

1. Can we believe Pierre based on the din of maslat?

- A. Yes, because he has a reputation to uphold.
- B. Yes, if the powdered milk is botal in 60.
- C. No, because he knows that the law relies on what he says.
- D. No, because his words cannot be confirmed.

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A little while later Reuven prepared a stew. He opened a can of tomato sauce poured it into a pot of water on the stove and added the chopped up vegetables. He then cut up two pieces of meat and threw them into the pot. "Pierre can you please cut another piece and throw it into the pot."

After some of the stew was served Reuven realized that Pierre put one of his own pieces and into the pot. "Oh no! Now I have no way of knowing if there was 60" thought Reuven.

4. If this is a case of nishpach does the pot and dishes need to be koshered?

- A) Yes, according to the Shach.
- B) Yes, according to the Taz.
- C) No, according to both.
- D) This is not a case of nishpach.

5. If the food was not served does the din change?

- A) No, because this is a sofek d'rabbanan.
- B) Yes, because a calculation is possible.
- C) Yes, because now we are sure there is not 60 against the issur.
- D) No, it is impossible to know what the measurements are.

Pierre grabbed an unmarked spoon and stirred a pot of hot dogs. Unfortunately it was the same spoon Reuven had used for hot chocolate milk earlier that day. Several hours later Reuven made himself a cup of cappuccino with the same spoon, not knowing that Pierre had used the spoon for hot dogs. Pierre saw him using the spoon and said, "I thought you keep Kosher!"

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"What do you mean?" asked Reuven.

"Well, that's the spoon I used to stir the hot dogs and you're stirring a cappuccino which is made with steamed milk!"

6. How much is needed in the cappuccino to m'vatel the spoon?

- A) 60 against the spoon.
- B) 60 against the meat blios.
- C) 120 against the spoon.
- D) B'deved everything is muter.

The action in the kitchen calmed down for a while. Two pots were put up to boil. In pot one there was 29 kezayim of peas and in pot two there was 30 kezayim of carrots. Reuven wanted to add a little chicken flavor to his peas so he added a kezayis of chicken. Pierre wanted to add milk flavor to his carrots so he added a kezayis of milk to his carrots.

Pierre stopped stirring his carrots and went out to the front to check on the customers. While he was waiting on tables Reuven came up with a great idea. "If I add my peas to Pierre's carrots I can charge double the price! Everyone knows that peas and carrots are twice as good as either alone!" So with great enthusiasm he poured the peas into the carrots. When Reuven found out later that Pierre's carrots were milky, he almost had a nervous breakdown.

7. Should Reuven be nervous?

- A) Yes, the ta'aruvos is osser b'hanah.
- B) No, the food is muter but cannot be eaten with milk or meat.
- C) No, the food is parve.
- D) Yes, this is a case of chozair v'niur.

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It was Erev Shabbos

Part Two:

Reuven made a cholent and added the bones he had saved from during the week. When Pierre saw this, he was amazed. "I thought you were saving those bones for your dog so I added some of mine to your pile!" Well thought Reuven, even though there were fresh bones at least there was not very much meat on them.

8. According to the Mechaber 60 is needed against the meat on the bones. Do Pierre's bones help to mvatel the meat that was on his bones?

- A) Yes, even if they are moist.
- B) No, if they have marrow.
- C) Yes, if they are small.
- D) No, since they cannot kashered by hagala.

Reuven put up a small pot of chicken broth. He was eating a cheese sandwich while he was stirring the broth. "Hey, a piece of your cheese just fell into the broth," Pierre shouted from the other side of the kitchen. He then came over and added more chicken and water to the pot.

"Thanks Pierre, that should knock out the cheese flavor."

9. According to the Mechaber can Reuven eat the soup?

- A) Only in a hefseid merubeh.
- B) No, this is a case of "haba m'basar b'chalav".
- C) Yes, l'chatchila.
- D) The food is muter because the chicken and water were added by accident.

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Reuven grabbed a pot to make some ptcha . “Don’t use that pot,” Pierre shouted. “It was sitting empty on the counter since yesterday morning and I saw a drop of bacon grease this morning! Since you are so careful not to eat food that is not Kosher, I thought you should know.” “Well if it was only a drop it will never give taste to the food”, said Reuvan.

10. According to the Mechaber must Reuven kasher the pot before he uses it?

- A) Yes, because the drop spreads and is not botal.
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Reuven and Pierre sat down for a break. They each took a bowl of meat soup. “Hey Reuven, this soup tastes great. Be careful, though. I see an ant in the pot.” Reuven went to take a look “Oh no! I see two more ants in the pot.”

12. What is the din of the meat soup?

- A) Take the ants out and it is muter.
- B) The meat and vegetables are muter but not the water.
- C) Even the water is muter if it is checked spoon by spoon.
- D) Ants do not travel in groups, this is not a chazaka.

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13. For extra credit. If Pierre finds one ant in his bowl and Reuven finds two in his bowl, what is the din of the soup in the pot?

- A) Muter, because we have no proof the ants came from the soup.
- B) Ossur, we assume the ants came from the soup.
- C) Muter, because we do not mitzaref Reuven's bowl with Pierre's bowl to make a chazaka.
- D) Muter, ants do not travel in groups.

In the meantime Reuven was baking three roasts for a sheva brachos he was making that night. He had three of his own baking pans to get the job done quickly. However, after he finished and cut up one of the roasts he realized that one of them was milchiks used that morning to make potatoes and cheese. Unfortunately for Reuven all the roasts were already mixed up and he could not tell which ones were made in which pan. Reuven asked Pierre to taste the roast to see if he could figure out

14. What is the din of the roast meat?

- A) The issur roast in total in the other two because the milk is only an issur balua.
- B) All three roasts are osser because we do not rely on a taste test.
- C) All three are mutuer if Pierre tells us he tastes milk in one of them.
- D) Two are osser one is muter.