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Halacha Highlight

Adding eggs and seeds to matzah

Shulchan Aruch Siman 460 Seif 7
אין לתן ביצים שלמים במצה
One may not place whole eggs in the matzah

Shulchan Aruch rules that one may not place whole eggs into one's matzah so that they should bake together. Mishnah Berurah (ס"ק י"ט) explains that the primary concern is the liquid that will leak from the egg which prevents the matzah from properly baking. Then he writes that even if the egg was already cooked it should not be added to the matzah since the heat will not fully reach the place where the egg rests and consequently it won't bake properly.

Be'er Heiteiv (ס"ק י"א) cites Taz who quotes the Orchos Chaim who explains that some egg will leak out and will prevent the matzah from baking properly and for that reason one may not knead seeds into the dough that will be used for matzah. Based on this, Taz prohibited a matzah in which a legume was found. Even though a legume does not leaven or cause leavening, nevertheless, its presence prevents the matzah from baking properly. Magen Avrohom disagrees with this ruling and argues that small objects will not prevent the matzah from baking properly. He explains that it is no different than pieces of coal or pebbles that are occasionally found in matzos. Chok Ya'akov rules that b'dieved one need not be stringent about the presence of seeds in matzah. Mishnah Berurah (סק"כ) cites the lenient opinion that permits the consumption of matzah that contains in it seeds even if they were not crushed since small items will not prevent the matzah from baking properly. He concludes, however, that l'chatchila one should not add seeds to matzah since even Magen Avrohom would agree that l'chatchila one should avoid adding seeds to the dough (שעה"צ ס"ק ל"א). Regarding the question of whether one can fulfill his obligation with spiced matzos Shulchan Aruch (סי' תנ"ה סע' ו') ruled that one fulfills the mitzvah with such matzos but Mishnah Berurah (שם ס"ק מ"ו) cited authorities who contend that spiced matzos are categorized matzah ashira and may not be used for the mitzvah.

Overview

Siman 460 Seif 7:

One should not place whole eggs in the matzos when baking the matzos.

- There is the concern that liquid will come out and prevent it from baking properly. One should not even put a cooked egg in the dough. (M.B. 19)
- Even b'dieved it is prohibited for consumption based on our practice to prohibit matzah that folded over while baking since the fire will not reach it fully. If one added seeds, even if they are not ground, the matzah is permitted for consumption but l'chatchila one should not add them. (M.B. 20)