Above: Letter about JCF serving kosher meals at events
Below: Sign for Kosher Meat Cutters Union
Letter to NE Ohio Restaurant Association from Kasruth Board, regarding “Kosher style”
August 27, 1963

Mrs. Fay Fink, Secretary
Kashruth Board
Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Fink:

In response to your letter which was forwarded to me by Rabbi Alexander Rosenberg, I can give you the following information.

It has been the determination of the Legal Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and Markets that the word "style" can be properly used only in connection with a product so designated as a result of a geographical description and in no other sense. For example, Canadian style meat, etc.

Whenever the word Kosher is used with the additional word "style" or by itself, the product must be prepared in accordance with Hebrew Orthodox Religious requirements. There is no such thing as "Kosher style", it has no meaning in our jurisdiction and whenever pickles or smokewurst products has been labeled "Kosher style", we saw to it that this was changed. We have had no difficulty in convincing the manufacturers of the reasonableness and correctness of our position.

There is no concrete legislation in the Kosher Law which specifically disallow the use of "Kosher style" but to date we have had no difficulty in having the courts sustain our interpretation of the law. I am sorry I cannot refer you to any recorded cases on this subject because there have been no written opinions covering this matter that I know of.

I am enclosing circular 811. See page 1 wherein I underlined the language where it makes it a violation to use the word Kosher unless the product is truly Kosher.

Very truly yours,

Shepherd Z. Baum,
Chief Supervisor
KOSHER LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Enc.
Law on Kashruth, Ohio General Code, 1935
March 9, 1964

Chef-Ko Sausage Co.
3940 E. 55 St.
Cleveland 5, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We have been informed that your establishment manufactures a
viener and uses the words “Kosher style” on the packaging. I
am sure that you do not wish in any way to imply that the viener
conforms to religious ritual requirements. We bring this matter
to your attention because a number of people in the community
as well as a number of Rabbis, have inquired as to the meaning
on the packaging.

We are enclosing Section 1329.29 R.C. of the Ohio General Code
which contains language bearing on the use of the word “Kosher”
that would be of interest to you in connection with this matter.
We are confident that you would not wish to use the word “Kosher”
in a context that would imply a religious commitment on your part
and we are equally confident that you would not want in any way
to mislead the public.

We would very much appreciate it if it would be possible for you to
eliminate the word from the packaging of this product and we shall
be happy to answer any questions and supply any information that
may be of use to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Fay Fine, Secretary
Kashruth Board

Letter from Kashruth Board to Chef-Ko Sausage, 1964
June 29, 1964

The Shaker Restaurant
16703 Chagrin Blvd.
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We have been informed that your establishment has a sign in its window reading "Hot Kosher Corned Beef." I am sure that you do not wish in any way to imply that the corned beef conforms to religious ritual requirements. We bring this matter to your attention because a number of people in the community as well as a number of Rabbis, have advised us that they have seen the sign when passing your restaurant.

We are enclosing Section 1329.29 R.C. of the Ohio General Code which contains language bearing on the use of the word "Kosher" that would be of interest to you in connection with this matter. We are confident that you would not wish to use the word "Kosher" in a context that would imply a religious commitment on your part and we are equally confident that you would not want in any way to mislead the public.

We would very much appreciate if it would be possible for you to eliminate the word "Kosher" from this sign and we shall be happy to answer any questions and to supply any information that may be of use to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Fay Fine, Secretary
Kashrut Board

Enc.

cc: Rabbi Feldberger
Mr. A. M. Braun

Letter, to Shaker Restaurant about advertising “kosher corned beef”, 1963
Amster Bagel Bakery
1947 S Taylor Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We have been informed that your establishment advertises your products by the use of the word "Kosher style" in reference to pizzas or other food sold by you. I am sure that you do not wish in any way to imply that either the pizza, bagel or other products sold in your shop conform to religious ritual requirements. We bring this matter to your attention because a number of people in the community, as well as a number of rabbis have inquired as to the meaning of your advertising.

We are enclosing section 1389-29 of the Ohio General Code which contains language bearing on the use of the word "Kosher" that will be of interest to you in connection with this matter. We are confident that you would not wish to use the word "Kosher" in an context that would imply a religious commitment on your part and we are equally confident that you would not in any way wish to mislead the public.

We would very much appreciate it if it were possible for you to eliminate the word from your advertising and we shall, of course, be happy to answer any questions or supply any information that may be of use to you.

Cordially,

Sidney Z Vincent
Assistant Director

December 19, 1960
It's a Law

It Legally Isn't Kosher
If It Is Not Kosher

By TOM BRADY

If it isn’t “kosher,” don’t represent it or advertise it to be. Under Ohio Revised Code Section 1329.29 claiming a product is “kosher” when it’s not could cost you a $25 or $500 fine. It states:

“No person shall, with intent to defraud, sell or expose for sale at retail, or manufacture, any meat or meat preparations or any fowl or preparations from fowl and falsely represent the same to be kosher or as having been prepared under, and of a product or products sanctioned by, the Orthodox Hebrew religious requirements, or falsely represent any food products or the contents of any package or container to be so constituted and prepared by having or permitting to be inscribed thereon ‘kosher’ in any language, or have ‘kosher’ inscribed on the front of any retail business establishment in any language, or sell or expose for sale at retail in the same place of business both kosher and nonkosher meat or meat preparations either raw or prepared for human consumption.

“The board of health of a city or of a general health district shall enforce this section and for such purpose any person designated by such board may enter upon premises where food represented to be kosher is sold or exposed for sale, at any reasonable time during business hours to inspect such food.”

Ohio Revised Code Section 1329.29 (f) provides: “Whoever violates section 1329.29... shall be fined not less than $25 nor more than $500.”
July 15, 1963

Mr. Samuel Abrahams
C/o Young Israel Viewpoint
3 West 16th St.
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Abrahams:

We were very interested in your article regarding "Kosher Style" in the June 7th issue of the Viewpoint.

The Cleveland Kashruth Board has been trying for a number of years to pass Kosher Style legislation in Ohio but as yet we have not been successful. We are trying to gather information on any concrete legislation forbidding use of the "Kosher Style" phrase that may be used in other states. Could you give us any information regarding such statutes in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania? Do you perhaps know of any such legislation in Boston?

I would also appreciate four copies of your article from the Viewpoint.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Fay Fine, Secretary
Kashruth Board

Memo to Kashruth Board Sub-Committee on Markings, 1963
July 16, 1963

MEMORANDUM

To: Abraham M. Braun
From: Fay Fine
Re: Kosher Style Legislation

I had an opportunity to talk with Sid Vincent yesterday regarding Kosher Style Legislation. Sid advised me that in the past, he has talked with members of the Cincinnati Federation and their Community Relations Committee regarding such legislation. His impression was that they did not feel such legislation necessary and therefore would not go along with it. However, he now suggests that in order to get the proper backing on this Bill and to get the lay people and the Community Federations interested, that the first step would be to interest the Rabbinate in this Bill and have them put forth considerable effort. He suggests that the local Rabbinate be in touch with the Cincinnati Rabbinate, particularly Rabbi Alexander Silver, and see what their feelings are in the matter and what steps they would like to take. It seems that Cincinnati is a very key community here, even more so than Cleveland.

Just in the way of a suggestion, it might be advisable that we send a letter to the Marcus Hanabonis asking them to explore this matter and to meet with members of the Cincinnati Rabbinate.

Please let me know what your thinking is in this matter.
June 16, 1966

Mrs. Faye Fine, Secretary
Kashruth Board
Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Echelon Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mrs. Fine:

Harold Berke has forwarded your letter of June 14 in which you inquired about Michigan's new kosher enforcement law. A copy of the bill is enclosed.

The bill, which duplicates language contained in the New York statute, is basically an attempt to eliminate improper use of the "kosher" designation on food products sold in Michigan. It replaces a previous Michigan statute which lacked the enforcement provisions of the newer bill and referred only to meat preparations rather than all kosher food products.

In addition, we anticipate the appointment of an advisory board, consisting of knowledgeable members of the community, to advise and consult with the Agriculture Department on implementation of the new law.

I hope this information proves useful, and please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Harold Dabin

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c.c. Harold Berke

enc.

Letter regarding Michigan's kosher enforcement laws, 1966
MAILED IN BY MR. FELDBERGER, June 28, 1966

Coupon, for Warsaw kosher style meats, 1960

Memorandum, to kosher butchers to retain kosher meat tags, 1956

Materials from the Western Reserve Historical Society Collections. www.wrhs.org
Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106
August 27, 1956

TO: KOSHER BUTCHERS

FROM: SAM H. BONCHEK, CHAIRMAN
KASHRUTH BOARD

Almost since its establishment in 1946, the Kashruth Board has insisted that butchers exercise care not to remove Kosher markings in preparing their meat for sale.

Recently, the practice of preparing "spencers" and skinning livers has once more demonstrated the importance of not destroying Kosher markings, without which it is impossible to identify meat as Kosher.

This notice is therefore a further reminder that all butchers are expected to retain Kosher markings at all times in preparing meat for sale. I know the inspectors will be glad to cooperate by using their own stamps whenever that will be helpful.

May I add my very best wishes and that of the Kashruth Board for a happy and prosperous New Year.
June 8, 1953

TO: ALL MEAT WHOLESALERS WITH KOSHER DEPARTMENTS

FROM: GABRIEL LEIB, KASHRUTH BOARD CHAIRMAN

At the last meeting of the Kashruth Board of the Jewish Community Federation, which conducts the community inspection of Kosher butcher shops, considerable evidence was presented that non-Kosher places of business are selling meat with Kosher markings.

We are confident that in most of these cases there is no intention to confuse customers, but we have received a number of complaints concerning the meat with confusing markings at these non-Kosher places of business.

We should therefore like to suggest that before meat slaughtered in your Kosher department is sent to non-Kosher establishments, the Kosher markings should be removed. We understand such a removal would not be difficult and representatives of the Kosher slaughterers inform us they are willing to undertake this responsibility.

Please let us know if you are willing to adopt this suggestion or if there are difficulties in such a procedure that make it impracticable. We shall be very grateful for your cooperation and a significant section of the Jewish community will be saved embarrassment and possible confusion.

President: MAX FREEDMAN  Vice-President: JUDGE MAURICE BERHON, JEROME N. CURTIS, IRRING KANE
Treasurer: M. E. GLASS  Associate Treasurer: LEONARD RATHER  Executive Director: HENRY L. ZUCKER

Letter to meat wholesalers from Kashruth Board
Letter to Agudath HaSchochtim Local 337 regarding metal plombas

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Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106
December 14, 1966

MEMO TO THE FILES OF THE KASHRUTH BOARD

Rabbi Silberberg called Monday to advise me that the shochtim have begun applying the metal plombas to the livers.

Memo to files of Kashruth Board, 1966
October 22, 1962

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Kosher Butchers

FROM: Mrs. Fay Fine, Secretary
       Kashruth Board

From time to time, violations are reported to the Kashruth Board by our mashgichim, Messrs. Feldberger and Vitriol, regarding the removal of Kosher markings on meat. This violation has been brought to your attention in the past. I should like to remind you that markings may not be removed from any meat prior to inspection by our mashgichim.

I know that you will want to give this matter your prompt attention. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.
November 15, 1971

Mrs. Fay Fine, Secretary
The Kasher Board
The Jewish Community Federation
of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mrs. Fine:

In answer to your letter of October 29 regarding the use of metal tag kasher identification, we wish to advise you that we have rectified this matter.

We hope this meets with your satisfaction.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Leonard Pines
President

“Delicatessen with that distinctive taste”

Letter, from Hebrew National about kosher tags on meat, 1971
Letter, from Chicago agreeing to meet requests for supervision of meat, 1963
May 22, 1972

Mrs. Fay Fine, Secretary
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1750 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mrs. Fine:

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 27, 1972.

We have made a thorough study of the question you raised in your letter. I would like to confirm what I had conveyed to you on the telephone, that unless the meat carried the right tags of the time it was slaughtered and washed, do not accept that meat.

To make sure that there is no misunderstanding in this matter, we would like to emphasize that the above is in agreement with the Detroit Veal and Lamb and their Shochtim.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention, I remain

Sincerely,

COUNCIL OF ORTHODOX RABBIS OF GREATER DETROIT

Rabbi Chaskel Grubner, Director

cc: Mr. Daniels, Detroit Veal and Lamb
Rabbi Jonathan Silberberg, 4044 Washington Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio 44118
April 22, 1963

Reverend Joseph M. Berger, President
Agudath Hashochtim Local 337
3626 Severn Rd.,
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Dear Reverend Berger:

We have received a number of complaints from our mashgichim and the Bobbin Local supervisor, regarding the markings on meat. These markings are not clear and in many instances, are not distinguishable. Many of these discrepancies are from DiCillo and Sons, Inc.

We do not wish to write directly to the company but would rather handle it through your Union, if possible. However, if the situation is not corrected, we shall find it necessary to communicate with DiCillo and Sons.

We would very much appreciate your cooperation.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Fay Fine, Secretary
Kashruth Board

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MEMORANDUM

To: Sub-Committee on Markings

From: Abraham Braun, Chairman
Kashrut Board

At the Kashrut Board Meeting of June 19, 1963 the Chairman was directed to convene a Sub-Committee Meeting on Markings for the purpose of:

1) Establishing a procedure for more distinguishable meat markings.

2) Eliminating unnecessary markings contributing to unattractive and more expensive meat for the consumer.

This meeting will be held on Monday afternoon, July 1, 1963, 4:30 P.M., at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 2030 S. Taylor Rd.

The following representatives have been invited to attend:

Kashrut Board ———— Simon Amidor
Rabbinical Sub-Committee ——— Rabbi Isaac Krislow
Butchers ———— Irving Chapman
Mishgichim ————— Rabbi L. Feldberger
Rabbinical Supervisor ———— Rabbi Jonathan Silberberg
Agudath HaShoctim Local 337 - Rev. Joseph Berger

Please complete and mail the enclosed card.
Excerpts from Minutes of October 17, 1956

KOSHER MARKINGS

Mr. Vincent, reporting for Mr. Rabinsky, chairman of the Sub-Committee on Kosher Markings, stated that a highly harmonious session had been held in which the following agreements had been reached:

1) to send a letter to all packing houses asking them not to ship meat covered with shrouds to butchers until proper steps had been taken to remark them after the meat had cooled. It was explained that in that way the shrouds would not disturb the markings.

2) to establish uniform procedure for marking livers, together with the suggestion that Kosher and non-Kosher livers be segregated.

3) to wire all miltzen together and mark them with a tag

4) Rev. Roth agreed to take under consideration the complaint of the butchers that the present large size of the stamps discolored and disfigured the meat.

Although the report of the committee was received with much satisfaction by members of the Board, Mr. Fromson and the other butchers present stressed the importance of dealing promptly with the final point - the discoloration of the meat by too large markings. After considerable discussion between the butchers and the shochtim, Rev. Roth volunteered to invite a representative of the butchers and the mashgichim to the slaughter house to work out a mutually satisfactory system of markings.

The Committee's suggestions were thereupon unanimously accepted.
September 5, 1963

The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter of August 29, 1963 and wish to inform you that we shall meet your requirements for any shipments into Cleveland.

Rabbi Shur and Rabbi Kagan are our supervisors and it is our understanding that Rabbi Shur is writing to you under separate cover.

We trust you will consider us a source of supply in Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

HYGRADE FOOD PRODUCTS CORPORATION

[Signature]

Allen J. Ross
Plant Manager
Letter in Yiddish from Rabbi Schur