

Orthodox Approaches: Pots and Pans

My friend Judy was telling me last night her Thanksgiving dinner plans.

She and her parents both plan to eat kosher turkey but the latter's pots and pans aren't kosher enough for Judy. I assume my friend is worried that despite her parents' thorough cleaning, some molecules of non-kosher food might still be attached to these items. Therefore she will make a separate turkey, at her house, for herself and relatives of her persuasion, and take this to her parents' house where there will be a second kosher turkey baked by her mother.

Is this not sad? Families and friends can't eat together or they need to go through hassle, insult, embarrassment, or other grief. It's another example of a good idea that's been misinterpreted. Instead of uplifting Jews, it's providing separation and hurt.

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