



Summary: *Halachot* of Immersing Utensils

The following is a summary of the main *halachot* relating to *tevilat keilim* as discussed in the series of previous articles.

- Immersion is required for metal utensils. The Torah lists six types of metals: gold, silver, copper, iron, tin and lead. Alloys of these metal are also included in this list such as bronze or brass. Wood, ceramic, and plastic are exempt from immersion. Our Sages instituted that glass utensils must be immersed as well.
- Only utensils that are designated for food require immersion such as plates, pots, pans, and cutlery. Utensils involved in food preparation such as chicken shears and metal bbq grates require immersion as well.
- Two factors determine what needs to be immersed for a utensil made of a combination of materials. 1. If the material that comes in direct contact

with the food is metal than immersion is required. 2. If metal is an essential component in the material even if it is not touching the food than immersion is required.

- Only an adult should immerse utensils. A child may not immerse utensils unless an adult is supervising.
- Before immersing utensils one should confirm the kashrut of the mikveh being used. One may immerse in a women’s mikvah. It is not recommended to immerse in lakes, ponds or the ocean without competent halachic guidance.
- Stickers, labels and tags should be removed from utensils prior to immersion. Residue from stickers must also be removed. If following much effort the residue does not come off, the utensil may still be

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immersed. If stickers were accidentally left on during immersion, it should be repeated with a *bracha*.

- All parts of the utensil must be immersed, this includes handles and lids.
- The utensil must be fully submerged at once. Water must enter all areas of the utensil. A utensil with a receptacle must be completely filled during immersion without the formation of air pockets. Two options exist in order to guarantee that no barrier comes between the utensil and the water. One's hand should first be immersed in the mikvah and then grasp the utensil while under water. Alternatively, one may grasp the utensil loosely while immersing in the mikvah. There is no need to transfer utensils from hand to hand under water.

- When immersing **one** utensil the *bracha* is:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל טְבִילַת כְּלִים"

When immersing **two or more** utensils the *bracha* is:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
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- There should be no interruption

between the recitation of the *bracha* and the actual immersion. When immersing two or more utensils there should be no interruption between immersions.

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