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CHOZER V'NIYUR OF CHANAN

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THE MAGEN Avrohom (452:6) points out that if one is planning on *kashering* multiple *keilim* that are *ben yomo*, one at a time, there is a *machlokes* the Rashba and the Issur V'Heter as to how much *kashering* water is required. The Rashba maintains that the *kashering* water must be sixty times the cumulative volume of all the *keilim*. Otherwise, the *bliyos* will accumulate in the water. Although the *bliyos* from the first *kli* initially will be *batel*, they will be *chozer v'niyur* (reawaken) when subsequent *keilim* are *kashered*. The Issur V'Heter disagrees. He maintains that *chozer v'niyur* does not apply to *bliyos* from *keilim*. Once the *bliyos* from a *kli* are *batel*, they are

gone forever. According to the Issur V'Heter so long as the water is *shishim* times the largest of the *keilim* that is enough. The Magen Avrohom concludes that the Beis Yosef, Rema, and Shach (Yoreh De'ah 121:20) all *pasken* like the Rashba.

Although we *pasken* like the Rashba that *bliyos* of *keilim* are *chozer v'niyur*, there are exceptions.

A notable exception is regarding something that is only *assur* because of Chanana. For example, if two pots were used to cook soup that contained 10% *neveila*, the entire soup becomes *assur* because of *Chanana*. If it was necessary to *kasher* both pots simultaneously while they are still *ben yomo*, this would require using water that is sixty times the volume of both pots. What if we want to *kasher* both pots, one after the other? How much water would be required?

At first glance, we would assume that this is the same as what was discussed by the Magen Avrohom, and we should require water that

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Ⓢ PAS YISROEL PRODUCTS (AS OF ELUL 5779)

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THE TUR (*Orach Chaim, Siman 603*), based upon the Talmud Yerushalmi, cites the custom for Jews to be stringent during the Aseret Yimei Teshuva to eat **PAS YISROEL** bread exclusively. Even those Jews who generally do not follow this stringency are encouraged to accept this practice during the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We therefore present the list of all Ⓢ **PAS YISROEL** products.

- ▶ **PLEASE NOTE:** All Ⓢ^P (Kosher for Passover) Matzah products (e.g. Matzah, Matzah Meal, Matzah Meal products) are **PAS YISROEL**, even if not listed below.
- ▶ Not all products on this list are available in all countries or geographic regions.
- ▶ There are differing opinions as to whether

er Cheerios is considered pas. The OU poskim do not consider it pas, because of the size of the individual pieces and the manner in which it is made. Likewise, wheat flake cereals and wafers are not considered "bread-like" and therefore do not need to be **PAS YISROEL**. Corn and Rice Cereals are, by definition, not bread items.



- ▶ Products which are also **CHOLOV YISROEL** and/or **YOSHON** are so indicated.
- ▶ Items manufactured in Israel are noted with an asterisk* and are all **YOSHON**.
- ▶ Food service establishments such as restaurants and caterers are noted with a (FSE).

COMPANY/BRAND	PRODUCT TYPE	RC
A & B Fish	All products	R' C. Goldberg
A. Loacker*	All products are PAS YISROEL	R' Rockove
Abadi Bakery*	All items	R' Bistricher
Acme [Albertson's] (FSE)	Milltown, NJ – all fresh baked products	R' Steinberg

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Acme [Albertson's] (FSE)	Narberth, PA – all fresh baked products	R' Steinberg
Aladdin Bakers	Bagels, pizza bagels, rolls, breads, pitas, baguettes, wraps, breadstick (when bearing a stamp with PAS YISROEL sticker on the label)	R' Eleff
Alba	All Pastry Shell products produced in Europe	R' Rockove
Ambrosia S.A.	Yo Hoo! Waffles - With Lot Specific Letter Only	R' Rockove
Amnon's Kosher Pizza*	Frozen Pizza (CHOLOV YISROEL)	R' Indich
Angel's Bakery*	All products (when bearing an OU)	R' Bistricher
Bag 'N Save	Bread, rolls, buns	R' Nosenchuk
Bagel City	Challahs and Rolls	R' Nosenchuk
Bagels and More	Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Balconi	In Israel with Lot specific LOC	R' Rockove
Baroni	In Israel with Lot specific LOC	R' Rockove
Barry's Bakery	Café and French Twists (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Barth*	Crackers	R' Bistricher
Barton's	chocolate covered matza	R' Singer
Basil Pizza & Wine Bar [FSE]	All products	R' Schreier
Bell	Bialys (with special Hebrew packaging only) [Only available in Israel]	R' Nosenchuk
Blinzi	French Toast	R' Stareshefsky
Bloom's	All cookies	R' Bendelstein
Bloom's/Temptatious	All cookies	R' Bendelstein
Bon Appetito	Cookies and Pastries (when PAS YISROEL written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Boundbrook Shoprite [FSE]	All in-house prepared foods are both PAS YISROEL and YOSHON .	R' Schreier
Brickfire Bakery	Plain Sliced Mini Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Brooklyn Bagel	Frozen, Poppy, Sesame Bagels (With special Hebrew packaging only) [Only available in Israel]	R' Nosenchuk
Burry Foodservice	Mini Bagel Plain, Cinnamon Raisin Mini Bagels, Blueberry Mini Bagels, Wrapped Plain Bagel, Wrapped Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Wrapped Blueberry Bagel	R' Nosenchuk
Carr's	Carr's Brand Crackers when produced in Carlisle, UK	R' Rockove
Cedar Bread	Pita Bread	R' Nosenchuk
Chain & Jo Sweets	Biscotti	R' Nosenchuk
Chef's Wonder	Bread crumbs and matzo meal	R' Singer
Continental Pastry	Cakes and Cookies	R' Paretzky
Coppenrath	Assorted baked goods (when accompanied by lot specific letter)	R' Rockove
Dagim	All products	R' C. Goldberg
Daily Pita	All pita bread	R' Nosenchuk
Dakota Brands	Bagels, rolls	R' Nosenchuk
Damascus	Must state PAS YISROEL on package	R' Bendelstein
Dame Blanche	Chocolate/Vanilla Biscuits	R' Scheiner
Davidovitz*	All Products (when bearing an OU symbol)	R' Bistricher
David's Cookies	All pareve products	R' Bendelstein
David's Gluten Free	All products	R' Bendelstein
Dayaa	Pita Bread	R' Nosenchuk
Delacre*	Cookies	R' Bistricher
Dr. Praeger's	Fishies, fish sticks, and fish cakes	R' Bistricher
Dream Pretzels	Pressels/Pretzel Chips	R' Bistricher
East Brunswick Shoprite [FSE]	All in-house prepared foods are both PAS YISROEL and YOSHON .	R' Schreier
East Windsor Shoprite [FSE]	All in-house prepared foods are both PAS YISROEL and YOSHON .	R' Schreier
Einat*	Breadcrumbs, croutons	R' Bistricher
Elite*	Biscuits	R' Bistricher
Elsa's Story*	Cookies, crackers, pastries (not CHOLOV YISROEL)	R' Bistricher
Fat Badger Bakery	Assorted baked goods (when accompanied by lot specific letter)	R' Nosenchuk
Fischer Brothers & Leslie (FSE)	Challah, challah rolls, chicken nuggets, fried breast meat	R' Schreier
Food Express	Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Fourre Sandwich	Chocolate/Lemon/Strawberry/Vanilla Biscuits	R' Scheiner
Friedman's	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Ganim	French Toast	R' Stareshefsky
Gefen	Crackers, cookies, whole wheat bread crumbs (YOSHON with special label), matzoh (YOSHON), ice cream cones	R' Singer
Gelbstein's Bakery	All products (also YOSHON)	R' Rockove
Golden Fluff	Pretzels, cookies, animal crackers (also YOSHON)	R' Rockove

Golden Star	Cookies and Pastries (when PAS YISROEL written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Goodman's	Matzah Products	R' Singer
Grandpa's "Old Southern" Coffee Cake	All baked items	R' Nosenchuk
Grandpa's Coffee Cake	All coffee cakes	R' Nosenchuk
Grandpa's Gourmet Biscotti	Biscotti	R' Nosenchuk
Grandpa's International Bakery	Breads	R' Nosenchuk
Guiltless Gourmet	Wraps	R' Singer
Hadar*	Assorted biscuits	R' Bistricher
Haddar	All products	R' Singer
Hafners	all products	R' Rockove
Hefti	All products	R' Rockove
Holiday Brand	Chocolate covered matza	R' Singer
Horowitz Margartetn	Matzah Products	R' Singer
Howie and Sally's	Biscotti	R' Rockove
Hy-Vee	Egg Bagels, Plain Bagels, Cinnamon Raisin Bagels, Blueberry Bagels, Onion Bagels, Bakery Style Onion Bagels, Apple Cinnamon Refrigerated Bagel, Honey Wheat Bakery Style Bagel	R' Nosenchuk
Iberia Foods	Snack Crackers (when bearing PAS YISROEL on the label)	R' Nosenchuk
Irene's	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Nosenchuk
J & P	Pita bread	R' Nosenchuk
Jake's Bakes	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Jason	Breadcrumbs	R' Singer
Jeff Nathan	Panko Bread Crumbs	R' Singer
Jerusalem Sweets	Baklava, Bazrazek, Gariba, Haressa, Mamoul, Nabulse (When bearing PAS YISROEL on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Jewel-Osco [Albertson's] (FSE)	Evanston, IL – bread and kosher cakes	R' Steinberg
Jewel-Osco [Albertson's] (FSE)	Highland Park, IL – bread and kosher cakes	R' Steinberg
Just Bagels	all bagels when bearing the OU symbol	R' Bendelstein
Katz's Gluten Free	Oat Challah Rolls	R' Nosenchuk
Kedem	Cookies, Cereal bars, Tea Biscuits (also YOSHON), Crackers (also YOSHON)	R' Singer
Kem Kem	Crackers	R' Coleman
Kemach Food Products	Cookies, (YOSHON when stated on package), Crackers (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Coleman
Kitov	All products	R' Gutterman
Kola Farangi [FSE]	All products	R' Schreier
Koopmans Foodcoatings	Breadcrumbs only	R' Rockove
Kosherific	Fish Stick	R' Singer
L'Esti Desserts	Cakes and pastries (also YOSHON)	R' Bendelstein
La Gondola [FSE]	All products	R' Schreier
Lago Group SPA	In Israel with Lot specific LOC	R' Rockove
Lakewood Kollel	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Laromme	All pareve products	R' Bendelstein
Laurieri	PAS YISROEL in Israel with Lot Specific LOC	R' Rockove
Lily's Bakeshop	All products	R' Bendelstein
Maadanot*	Bourekas, malawah, pizza squares	R' Bistricher
Macabee	Pizza (CHOLOV YISROEL), Pizza Bagel (CHOLOV YISROEL), Breaded Eggplant, Breaded Mushrooms , Mozzarella Sticks (CHOLOV YISROEL)	R' Bistricher
Manischewitz Co.	Tam Tams (YOSHON), italian coating crumbs (YOSHON), cake mixes, All Matzah products (YOSHON)	R' Singer
Marlboro Shoprite [FSE]	All in-house prepared foods are both PAS YISROEL and YOSHON .	R' Schreier
Matamim	All products	R' Gutterman
Matzot Carmel *	Matzah	R' Bistricher
Mauzone Manina	Assorted products	R' Paretzky
McVities	In Israel with Lot specific LOC	R' Rockove
Meat Cafe [FSE]	All products	R' Schreier
Meal Mart	All products (YOSHON also)	R' Mandel
Mendelson's Pizza	Pizza (CHOLOV YISROEL and YOSHON) and breads	R' Schreier
Mezonos Maven	All products	R' Bendelstein
Miami Onion Rolls	All products.	R' Nosenchuk
Milk 'N Honey [FSE]	All products.	R' Schreier
Mishpacha	All products	R' Singer

Mother's	Matzah Products	R' Singer
Motzi	Challahs and Babka	R' Nosenchuk
Mountain Fruit	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Mrs. Adler's	Matzah Products	R' Singer
Mrs. Pure's Gold Label	Coconut Crisp Cookies (When bearing PAS YISROEL on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Natural Ovens	100% Whole Grain Bread, Hunger Filler Bread, Multi-Grain Bread, Oat Nut Crunch Bread, Oatmeal Bread, Organic Whole Grain & Flax Bread, Original Carb Consc Bread, Right Wheat Bread, Sunny Millet Bread	R' Jenkins
Navaz Catering [FSE]	All products	R' Schreier
Neeman Bakery*	All Items (when bearing an OU symbol)	R' Bistricher
Neptune Shoprite [FSE]	All in-house prepared foods are both PAS YISROEL and YOSHON .	R' Schreier
Neri's	Breads & Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
NES Catering [FSE]	All products	R' Schreier
Of Tov*	Chicken Breast Nuggets	R' Bistricher
Orion	Plain Par-Baked Hot Stuff Bagel, Cinnamon Raisin Par-Baked Hot Stuff Bagel	R' Nosenchuk
Osem*	All products	R' Bistricher
Ostreicher's	All products	R' Bendelstein
Pat's [FSE]	All products	R' Schreier
Patis Bakery	Wholesale/retail - All products – All Locations (YOSHON , CHOLOV YISROEL)	R' Rockove
PF Bakeries	Pita, Pita Chips, Challahs	R' Nosenchuk
Pita Express	Pita bread (also YOSHON)	R' Bendelstein
Prime Events by Mindel [FSE]	All products	R' Schreier
Quality Food Industries*	Croutons	R' Bistricher
Raft Foods*	Croutons	R' Bistricher
Ralph's Grocery - Sherman Oaks (FSE)	All fresh products from the Kosher bakery	R' Steinberg
Ralph's Grocery - LA - South La Brea (FSE)	All fresh products from the Kosher bakery	R' Steinberg
Ralph's Grocery - LA - West Pico (FSE)	All fresh products from the Kosher bakery	R' Steinberg
Reisman Bros. Bakery	Assorted cakes, cookies, rugalach	R' Paretzky
Rokeach	Hamentashen (only when labled as Pareve and PAS YISROEL), cookies, soup nuts	R' Bendelstein
Royal Bakery House	Bread (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
S & G	Five Star Challah	R' Nosenchuk
Sadaf	Wafers	R' Bistricher
Sham Sweets	Baklava, Bazrazek, Gariba, Haressa, Mamoul, Nabulse (When bearing PAS YISROEL on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Shapiro's	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Shibolim	Biscotti and cracker sticks	R' Bistricher
Shoprite	Challahs and assorted bread products (only when labeled Pareve and PAS YISROEL)	R' Bendelstein
ShopRite of Aberdeen [FSE]	All in-house prepared foods are both PAS YISROEL and YOSHON .	R' Schreier
ShopRite of Lawrenceville [FSE]	All in-house prepared foods are both PAS YISROEL and YOSHON .	R' Schreier
Short Cake	Friesengold Biscuits	R' Scheiner
Signature Passion	Breads (when stating PAS YISROEL)	R' Twersky
Smilowitz	Exclusively PAS YISROEL rolls, cookies, cakes, breads	R' Bendelstein
Snyders of Hanover Israeli Products Only*	All Pretzels imported to Israel	R' Herbsman
Sruli's	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Super 13	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Table d'Hôte	All rolls and baguettes	R' Twersky
Tel Aviv Kosher Bakery (Chicago) (FSE)	Breads & cakes (YOSHON)	R' Paretzky
Tovli	Blintzes, pizza, knishes (frozen packaged) (also YOSHON)	R' Gold
Trader Joe's	Chocolate Babka, Mango Babka, Pumpkin Spice Babka, Half moon cookies, Raspberry Rugelach	R' Bendelstein
Universal Foods	Breadcrumbs	R' Gorelick
Vittaroz	Cracker (when bearing PAS YISROEL label)	R' Nosenchuk
Wein's	All products	R' Bendelstein
Yumi's	All products (when PAS YISROEL is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Zabar's	Own Egg Challah (when bearing PAS YISROEL on the label)	R' Nosenchuk

* denotes Israeli products = also **YOSHON**



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sixty times the entire volume of both pots. However, this is not correct. Only 10% of the *bliyos* in the pot are *neveila*.

The other 90% of the *bliyos* are *Chanan lach b'lach* of *neveila*. When the *bliyos* are expelled into the *kashering* water, the *bliyos* of *neveila* can be *chozer v'niyur*, but the *bliyos* of *Chanan* once they are *batel* will not be *chozer v'niyur*. This is because regarding *Chanan lach b'lach* we *pasken efsheh v'sochto mutar* (see Rema YD 106:1). This means that once *Chanan lach b'lach* is *batel*, it reverts to *heter*. If the *kashering* water was more than 70 times the volume of the pot, both pots can be *kashered* so long as they are *kashered* one after the next.

This has an important application to the following more common scenario. A company makes yogurt that contains .25% gelatin. However, the gelatin is not *batel* in the yogurt because the gelatin is first dissolved into 10% of the yogurt at a concentration of 2.5% gelatin. The premix is then blended with the rest of the yogurt. The entire yogurt is now *assur* because of *Chanan lach b'lach*. Although the percentage of gelatin in the finished product is less than *shishim*, the gelatin is not *batel* because of *Chanan*, and the pasteurizer and kettles require *kashering*. What about the boiler steam system that heats the product? Is this tainted as well? Is it necessary to drain the boiler before producing kosher product?

Based on what was explained above, there is no need to drain the boiler. The condensate that heats the product will become *assur* due to *Chanan lach b'lach*. However, when the condensate flows back to the return tank, it will be *batel b'shishim* in the tank and will revert to *heter*. Although steam condensate will continue to return and eventually it will be more than *shishim*, this is not a concern, since what reverted to *heter* cannot be *chozer v'niyur*. The only part that cannot revert to *heter* is the *bliya* of actual gelatin which is very minimal (less than .25%). This amount is too small to ever be *chozer v'niyur*. ■

DRIED FRUIT

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SHULCHAN Aruch (YD 84:4) writes that *tola'im* that originate in the flesh of the fruit *b'talush* (only after they are picked) are permitted. This is because they were never *shoraitz al ha'aretz* (crawled on the ground). However, once they crawl to the surface of the fruit, they become *assur*. At this point it is considered that they have crawled on the ground. Even if they never exit the fruit, once they leave the flesh of the fruit and crawl on to the pit, it is also considered as though they have left the fruit, and likewise they become *assur*. In general, if one encounters infested fruit, it is unlikely that one will know for sure that the *tola'im* originated *b'talush*, or that they never exited the fruit. Therefore, if one knows that there are *tola'im* in their fruit even though it is the *derech* for this type of infestation to occur *b'talush*, they may not be eaten. *Safek d'oreissah li'chumra*. However, if there is an additional *safek*, it will combine for a *sfek sfeika*.

The Shulchan Aruch (YD 84:8) writes that any fruit which commonly becomes infested (*miyut hamatzui*), while it is still attached to the ground, must be checked. The Taz (84:12) infers from this wording that fruit that are commonly found to become infested only after they are picked (i.e. while held in storage) are permitted. This is based on a *sfek sfeika*. Perhaps the fruit is clean (no *tola'im*), and even if there are *tola'im*, perhaps the *tola'im* were never *shoretz al ha'aretz*. The Rashba permitted cooked fruit that were a *miyut hamatzui* with a similar *sfek sfeika*; perhaps there were no *tola'im* and even if there were, perhaps they dissolved or broke apart due to the cooking.

The Minchas Yaakov (46:14) questions this ruling of the Taz. He points out that the Rashba permitted cooked fruit based on *sfek sfeika*, only if they can no longer be checked. However, fruit that can still be checked, must be checked even though they have been cooked, even though there is a *sfek sfeika*. How then can the Taz assert that no checking is necessary?

The Pri Migadim (Mishbetzos 84:12) answers that when there is a strong *sfek sfeika*, it may be relied on without any checking. In the Rashba's case, the *sfek sfeika* is weak, because the likelihood of cooking to break apart *tola'im* is questionable. Therefore, we require checking afterwards if we are still able¹. In the Taz's case, the *sfek sfeika* is strong, so checking is not necessary. However, the Pri Migadim concludes that if there is no *tircha* then it is proper to be *machmir* and check.

COMMON APPLICATION OF THE SFEK SFEIKA OF THE TAZ:

RAISINS: Depending on what standard one uses to determine a *miyut ha'matzui*, the incidence of worms in raisins might be considered a *miyut ha'matzui* (or might be considered a *miyut she'aino matzui*). Nevertheless, Rav Belsky zt"l and yb"l Rav Schachter both held that one may eat raisins without checking. This is because the incidence of worms in raisins is at most only a *miyut*

ha'matzui and the fruit flies which lay their eggs on the grapes are attracted to the drying grapes after they are cut from the vines.

Since these worms are found in the creases of the raisins, and not on the surface of the raisin, we have at least a *safek*

that perhaps they were never

rochaish al ha'aretz. This would qualify

for a *sfek sfeika*. Indeed, the Taz (YD 84:12) writes that

raisins are permitted for exactly this reason. Rav Belsky pointed out that even the *chumra* of the Pri Migadim does not apply here, since the method for checking raisins involves soaking them in water for many hours which ruins them. This certainly does not qualify as a simple checking that can be accomplished without *tircha*.

DRIED FRUIT (E.G. APRICOTS, DATES): Fresh apricots are most other fresh fruit rarely have bugs. However, it is common to find *tola'im* in dried apricots. Again, the *sfek sfeika* of the Taz would apply here as well. However, since checking apricots is relatively simple, and does not involve damaging the fruit, it is proper to check dried fruit before eating. It is the consumer's responsibility to check dried fruit before eating. The OU will certify these fruits even though they should be checked, since it is only a *chumra* to check. *M'ikar ha'din* the halacha follows the Taz, and there is no need to check, since there is a valid *sfek sfeika*. This is similar to the idea that the OU certifies eggs even though the consumer should still check them for bloodspots. ■



¹ Other possible *chilukim* between the case of the Rashba (where we require *bedika* if possible) and the case of the Taz (did not require *bedika*):

a. The Rashba is discussing one who violated the halacha (albeit unintentionally) by cooking the food; *avar u'bishail*. Therefore, if they can still remedy the issue by checking they must still do so. However, the Taz is referring to a situation where there naturally exists a *sfek sfeika*.

b. The Rashba is discussing a situation where it is possible to determine if there are *tola'im* that are *assur*. If one checks and finds *tola'im* those *tola'im* are *assur*. But the Taz is discussing a situation where only one *safek* can be determined. Even if one were to find *tola'im*, they would not know if they are *assur*. In such a case, the Rema (Y.D. 110:9) writes that one is not *michuyav* to be *mivarer*.

c. Teshuvos Chasam Sofer (YD 77) explains that fruit which are *dar'kum l'hashritz b'mechubar*, do not have a *chezkas heter*. However, fruit which are *dar'kum l'hashritz b'talush* even if one finds that a *miyut ha'matzui* of *tola'im* were *poresh*, still for those that were not checked there remains a *chezkas heter*. Fruit which are *dar'kum l'hashritz b'talush* are inherently more lenient. Therefore, in our situation, aside from the *sfek sfeika*, there is also a *chezkas heter*, therefore there is no need to check.



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