

INTRODUCTION TO KASHRUT: DAIRY/MEAT: BAKING AT SAME TIME

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Five factors affect cooking separate pans of dairy and meat in an oven at the same time (these are all b'di'avad cases):

- **Covered**

Is either pan (or both) covered?

- **Outside Clean and Dry**

Are both pans clean and dry on the outside?

- **Food Non-Liquid (“Solid”)**

Are the contents of one or both of them non-liquid (solid before OR after cooking OR both)? That is, one or both are non-liquid (“solid”) at:

- The beginning of the cooking,
- The end of the cooking, OR
- Both beginning and end of cooking.

- **Pans Touching**

Are the pans touching?

- **Spicy/Charif**

Are the contents spicy/charif?

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Definition of Terms

- “Solid,” or “non-liquid,” means food is solid before OR after cooking--or both.
- “Covered” means pan has at least a single cover; does not need to be sealed or double wrapped.

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Solid, COVERED

L'hatchila: Do not bake separate pans—whether uncovered or not—of dairy food and meat food in the oven at the same time.

REASON The food might spill over.

B'di'avad, you may cook pans of dairy food and meat food at the same time in one oven if both are:

- Not touching,
- Covered, AND
- Non-liquid; i.e., either:
 - Solid, or
 - Liquid only at the beginning or end of the cooking (but not both beginning and end).

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Solid, UNCOVERED

L'hatchila, you should not bake uncovered dairy and meat foods in the same oven at the same time, even if both pans:

- Are non-liquid, AND
- Do not touch each other.

B'di'avad, both uncovered pans remain kosher—even if they touch each other, if both pans:

- Are non-liquid,
- Are clean and dry (on the outside), AND
- Do not contain spicy/charif food.

Example

SITUATION

- Food in both pans is solid.
- One pan is covered, one pan is uncovered.
- Both pans are clean and dry on outside.
- No spicy/charif.

STATUS They are both kosher b'dia'vad.

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Liquid, UNCOVERED

SITUATION Two uncovered pans of food—one dairy, one meat—are baked at the same time in an oven. The contents of both pans are liquid (liquid before AND after cooking; even if not spicy).

STATUS They are both non-kosher, even if one pan is covered (but consult a rabbi for possible leniencies).

SITUATION Two pans—one dairy, one meat—bake at same time in same oven:

- One is covered and contains liquid (even if not spicy);
- One is not covered and contains solid food.

STATUS They are both kosher.

SITUATION Two pans—one dairy, one meat—bake at same time in same oven:

- One is covered and contains solid food.
- One is not covered and contains liquid (even if not spicy).

STATUS They are both non-kosher.

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Both UNCOVERED and SPICY/Charif

SITUATION The food in two uncovered pans (one of dairy food, one of meat) baked in an oven at the same time is spicy/charif.

STATUS The food and utensils all become non-kosher, even if the:

- Pans are clean and dry,
- Pans are not touching, AND
- Food is non-liquid.

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Both UNCOVERED; One Is Spicy/Charif

SITUATION Two uncovered pans (one of *dairy* food, one of meat) are baked in the same oven at same time. The food in only one of them is spicy/*charif*. Even if the:

- Pans are clean and dry,
- Pans are not touching, and
- Food is non-liquid.

STATUS The spicy/*charif* one is *b'di'avad kosher*;

The non-spicy utensil and its contents are not *kosher*.