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**“A practical guide to Koshering a Kitchen”**  
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**List of Utensils in Alphabetical Order**

1. **Aluminum Baking Trays:** if used repeatedly, require *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*. If used only once, no *Tvilah* is required.
2. **Apple Corer:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*.
3. **Asbestos:** no *Tvilah* required.
4. **Baby Bottles:** if made from metal, glass, pyrex, duralex — *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*. (If plastic — see plastic). A machine used for heating baby bottles does not require *Tvilah*.
5. **Baking Tins (pans, sheets):** *tvilah* with a *Brochah*. (see also “aluminum” above).
6. **Blech (for Shabbos etc.):** no *Tvilah* required.
7. **Blender:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*. (Even if the blender is made from a material that does not require *Tvilah* — the metal blades require *Tvilah*.)
8. **Bone:** no *Tvilah* required.
9. **Bottles:** Even though one does not drink directly from bottles (nor cook in them) bottles still require *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*. However if one does not bring them to the table at mealtimes for drinking purposes (i.e. pouring into cups) and the bottle is just used for storage purposes, *Tvilah* should be made without a *Brochah*. If one buys a bottle of juice (or the like), one is not required to empty the bottle in order to *tovel* it, but if one wishes to use the bottle after the contents have been emptied then *Tvilah* is required.
10. **Bottle Opener:** no *Tvilah* required.
11. **Bread Box:** *Tvilah* without a *Brochah*.
12. **Bread Slicing Machine:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*.
13. **Broiler Pan:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*; (if the pan has direct contact with food).
14. **Butchers Knife:** *Tvilah* without a *Brochah*.
15. **Cake Server:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*.
16. **Can Opener:** no *Tvilah* required.
17. **China:** no *Tvilah* required. If the china is glazed (covered with glass) *Tvilah*

without a *Brochoh* is required.

**18. Chopping Board (wooden used for chopping salad or kneading dough):** no *Tvilah* required.

**19. Coffee Grinder:** *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**20. Coffee Perculator:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**21. Corkscrew:** no *Tvilah* required.

**22. Correlle:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**23. Cups:** (if made from metal or glass), *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; (if made from plastic — see plastic).

**24. Cup For Netilas Yodaym (Kvort):** no *Tvilah* required. If one drinks from the cup *Tvilah* is required.

**25. Cup Holder:** no *Tvilah* required.

**26. Deep Fryer and Strainer:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**27. Dish:** for margarine or butter — *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*. If the margarine is **always** placed in the dish in its wrapper no *Tvilah* is required.

**28. Dish Rack:** no *Tvilah* required.

**29. Dishwasher (racks):** no *Tvilah* required.

**30. Duralex:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh* (same law as glass).

**31. Earthenware (cheres):** no *Tvilah* required. (**If** covered with glass (glazed) requires *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.)

**32. EGY Cup:** (metal) *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; (if plastic — see plastic)

**33. Electric Appliances:** If food touches the actual appliance, *Tvilah* is required with a *Brochoh*. If the food does not touch it directly but through the medium of another utensil, no *Tvilah* is required.

**If one is worried that with the *Tvilah* the electrical part will be damaged,** consult you Rov as there several suggestions that he may give, so we will list some of them below so you may be prepared. But DO NOT do them without consulting the Rov!

**Option 1:** Some poskim' hold that when making the *Tvilah* one does not have to insert the electrical part in the mikveh, however most poskim<sup>2</sup> are of the opinion that the whole appliance has to be immersed.

After *Tvilah* the appliance should be left in a warm place for a few days in order that the wires should dry.

**Option 2:** Some say that one may give the appliance to a non-Jew as a present and then borrow it back from him. The appliance may then be used indefinitely without *Tvilah*. The Rav must be consulted as to how to conduct such a transaction.

**Option 3:** One may take a cotton cloth and immerse it in the mikveh, squeeze it out until it is just wet to the touch and use it to cover up the sockets where the plug is inserted.<sup>3</sup>

**Option 4:** The appliance may be given to a professional Jewish handyman who could dismantle the appliance and put it back together again — it then assumes the status of a utensil made by a Jew which does not require *Tvilah*.

**34. Electric Element (immersion heater):** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**35. Enamel:** *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**36. False teeth:** no *Tvilah* required.

**37. Forks:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; (if plastic — see plastic).

**38. Frying Pan:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; A Teflon frying pan (whose inside cover is Teflon — a type of plastic) requires *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**39. Funnel (metal:)** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; (if plastic — see plastic).

**40. Gas Burner:** no *Tvilah* required.

**41. Glass:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**42. Grater:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**43. Grill (racks):** if in direct contact with food — *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**44. Hack Knife (meat cleaver):** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**45. Hammer:** (made from metal, or wood with metal top, used for making shnitzel etc.,) *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**46. Ice Cube Container (trays):** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh* (if plastic — see plastic).

**47. Jars:** a) Jars used for drinking or pouring (intocups) — *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*, b) jars used for storage *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**48. Jug (pitcher):** (glass) *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**49. Juice Maker:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**50. Kettle:** (gas and electric) — *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; In a used kettle the lime sedimentation is not a חייב.

**51. Kneading Board:** (metal/plastic) *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**52. Knives:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**53. Knife Sharpener or Sheath:** no *Tvilah* required.

**54. Kvort:** See cup above.

- 54. Ladle:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 55. Leather:** no *Tvilah* required.
- 56. Marble:** no *Tvilah* required.
- 57. Masher:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 58. Measuring Cup:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 59. Mincer (grinder) (meat):** *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.
- 60. Mixer:** All the parts that come into direct contact with food i.e. beaters, whisks, mixer pot, require *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 61. Mugs (metal or glass):** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; (if made from china, plastic or earthenware — see relevant section).
- 62. Nut Cracker:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 63. Oven:** All parts where food touches directly require *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 64. Oyster Shell:** no *Tvilah* required.
- 65. Paper (cups, plates, etc.):** no *Tvilah* required.
- 66. Penknife/Pocketknife:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh* The knife should be opened before *Tvilah* — if it was not opened the *Tvilah* should be repeated. A knife that has many blades should be tovelled only opening one blade at a time
- 67. Pizza Cutter:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 68. Plastic:** Plastic which can be re-modelled require *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*. Plastic which cannot be remodelled does not require *Tvilah*. If in doubt whether the plastic can be remodelled it is commendable to make *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.
- 69. Plates:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; Disposable plastic do not require *Tvilah*. Plates used solely for placing cups upon them e.g. plate for kiddush cup does not require *Tvilah*.
- 70. Porcelain:** *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.
- 71. Pots and Pans:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 72. Pot lids/Cover:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 73. Pot Stand:** no *Tvilah* required.
- 74. Pressure Cooker:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 75. Pyrex:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.
- 76. Refrigerator Racks:** Some Poskim (כבוד הרב ר' יצחק אריה לייבוביץ) maintain that metal refrigerator racks require *Tvilah*. However the custom is that *Tvilah* is

not required (i-t, x°0 to5n n'rnu •t) ;no).

**77. Rolling Pin:** *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**78. Rubber:** no *Tvilah* required.

**79. Salt Shaker:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

80. **Scales:** If food is placed directly on the dish on top of the scales, the dish requires *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*. If the food is placed on the trays with an intervening medium e.g. plastic bag, no *Tvilah* required.

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**81. Scissors:** Scissors that are used for cutting vegetables which are eaten raw require *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*. If they are only used for vegetables which have to be cooked afterwards *Tvilah* is required but without a *Brochoh*.

**82. Shopping Basket:** no *Tvilah* required.

**83. Sieve:** *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**84. Spatula:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**85. Spit:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**86. Spoons:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*; (if plastic — see section on plastic).

**87. Stone:** no *Tvilah* required.

**88. Stoneware:** if glazed — *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**89. Strainer:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**90. Sugar Container:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*

**91. Table Mats, Tablecloths:** no *Tvilah* required.

**92. Tap:** no *Tvilah* required.

**93. Tea Pot:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**94. Thermos Flask:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*.

**95. Tins (cake tin/box):** if brought to the table  
*Tvilah* with a *Brochoh*, if not, *Tvilah* without a *Brochoh*.

**96. Toaster:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochoh* is required; As mentioned in the section of electrical appliances, the toaster should either (a) be toveled and left for a few days to dry (b) be given to a non-Jew as a present, and then borrowed

permanently c) taken to a Jewish handyman who could dismantle the toaster and then put it back together again.

**97. Tongs (used for sugar cubes or cake):** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*.

**98. Tray upon which one places food directly:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*; (if not placed directly no *Tvilah* required).

**99. Tupperware:** see plastic.

**100. Tureen:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*.

**101. Vegetable Peeler:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*.

**102. Washing up Bowl:** no *Tvilah* required.

**103. Whisk:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*.

**104. Wicker Bread Basket:** no *Tvilah* required.

**105. Wine Decanter:** *Tvilah* with a *Brochah*.

**106. Wood:** no *Tvilah* required.