

"Are Kosher Chickens Really Different?"

One of the most common misconceptions about poultry is that "a chicken is a chicken" and the only difference between a kosher bird and a non-kosher one is the processing. Extra care in processing is certainly an important part of the kosher food story, but when it comes to poultry, it is not the complete story. Extra care in the breeding, hatching, growing and feeding are also important aspects of the kosher chicken story.

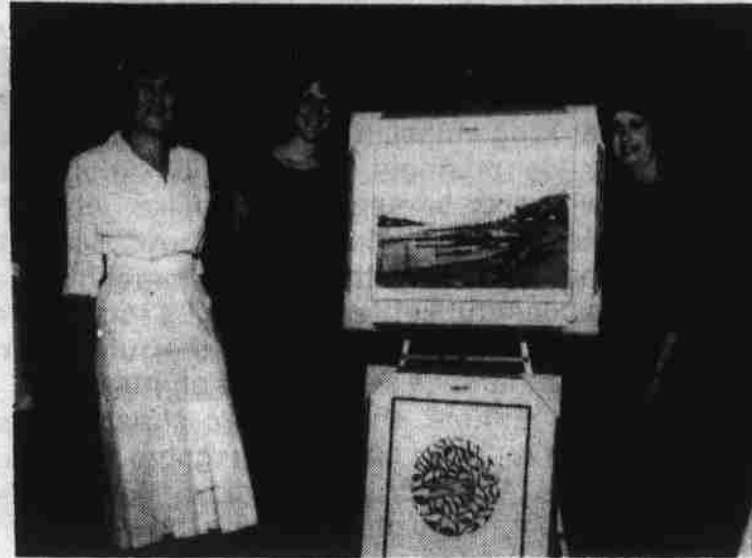
"Can any chicken, for example, be made into a kosher chicken? "Not without tremendous problems in getting the chicken clean and bruise free! And definitely not if it's going to be an Empire Kosher chicken," explained Harry Geedey, Sales Manager of Empire Kosher Foods, Inc. of Mifflintown, Pa.

Geedey also noted, "Over the past couple decades breeders throughout the world have made great strides in developing faster growing birds...birds that have larger breasts, smaller legs and wings. Although these new breeds of birds are very attractive financially, they have not shown themselves to be acceptable for Empire's use."

"The fast growing breeds of broiler have a marked tendency to gain excessive fat, both under the skin and in the abdominal area. Another recognized problem is the smaller legs and wings which are weaker and easily develop tissue and tendon tears. Bruised and marked legs and excessive moisture and fat in the bottom of the cooking pan are the results of these problems with the fast growing breeds."

"We at Empire have resisted switching to the new faster growing chickens largely because of these problems," Geedey continued, "and the fact is that our breed has a natural savory taste that none of the quick growing chickens can duplicate. Even though tremendous savings could be realized by switching to these faster growing breeds, we, at Empire, feel that we have

Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Art Auction



(Photograph by Marvin)

(L-R) Gerri Cramer, Charlene Herst & Beverly Eisen display the door prizes given away at the Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood's Annual Art Auction, recently.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The consumer price index rose by 2.5 percent during the first two weeks of October, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported. It was higher than the 1.5 percent rise during the last two weeks of September.

a legacy to live up to. Joe Katz, founder of Empire Kosher, taught us to make the best, not the cheapest. Our feeling is that the consumer should be getting the best chicken possible...a chicken without leg bruises and the excess unedible fat of the fast growing chicken breeds."

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Senator Chic Hecht Tries To Phase Nevada Out Of The Low-Level Nuclear Waste Business

WASHINGTON, D.C. — United States Senator Chic Hecht said he will meet with the chairmen of two powerful Senate Committees in an effort to speed legislation designed to phase Nevada out of the low-level nuclear waste business.

Hecht said he plans to meet with Senator Thom Thurmond of South Carolina, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senator James McClure of Idaho, Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee to try to gain assurance that low-level nuclear waste legislation is enacted this year before the only three states which currently handle low-level waste close their dump sites.

"I'm optimistic that we can move this legislation along, at least on the Senate side," Hecht said. "I want to make sure the low-level bill which I'm co-sponsoring does not get lost while the Senate tackles other legislation before adjournment."

Nevada, Washington and South Carolina have the only low-level nuclear waste repositories in the country. Hecht's bill would require other states to dispose of their own waste on a regional basis and phase out the Nevada site at Beatty by 1992.

Nevada Governor Richard Bryan has joined Washington and South Carolina in threatening to close the low-level sites if Congress doesn't act this year.

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