

Torah High – Dinim Class Syllabus:

The Laws of Kashrut for the Jewish Home

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Course Overview

This course will explore the **laws of kashrut** most relevant to maintaining a kosher home. Together we will trace the halachic development from the **Chumash** and **Talmud**, through the **Rishonim** and **Shulchan Aruch**, and into the rulings of **contemporary poskim**. Emphasis will be on practical applications and understanding the principles that shape everyday observance.

Topics Include

- Biblical foundations of Kashrut: sources in Chumash and their themes
- Laws of kosher animals, fish, and birds
- Meat and milk: definitions, separation, and practical safeguards in the home
- Bishul Akum, Chalav Yisrael, and Pat Yisrael
- Taarovot (mixtures): bitul and common kitchen scenarios
- Keilim: kashering vessels and maintaining a kosher kitchen
- Contemporary questions: processed foods, hechsherim, eating out, and traveling kosher

Goals

- Gain fluency in the **primary sources** of Hilchot Kashrut
- Understand how halachic reasoning develops from the Torah through modern-day poskim
- Apply halachic principles to practical, real-life situations in the Jewish home.

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