

THE TRUTH EXPOSED

DANGER: AVODA ZARA IS EVERYWHERE!

FACT: Recent investigations have exposed that the majority of hair currently being used in the wig industry is and always has been Indian Temple hair.

FACT: The human hair trade is unregulated and has no supervision. Raw and processed hair is a billion-dollar industry saturated with scams and corruption.

FACT: Because of the copious supply and reasonable price, Indian temple hair is being bought and re-labeled as European, Brazilian, Mongolian, Russian, Chinese, Peruvian, and Uzbek Hair.

FACT: India's hair exporters know that Jews cannot use their hair, so Indian hair is sent far from India to be mixed with other local hair in an effort to camouflage its use. Russia, Europe, South America, and China all import Indian hair and expertly mix it with their own hair so that buyers will never know.

FACT: Indian temple hair can be stripped of pigments to look and feel like natural blond hair without diminishing its quality.

FACT: There are 28 temples in India. In just ONE of the temples, Tirumala, 85,000 heads are shaved daily in holiday season, 40,000 otherwise.

FACT: Hindus practice tonsure (shaving the hair from the head) at least once per lifetime and many perform this ritual multiple times and have it ritually shaved as an offering at the temple.

FACT: Indian temples collect the shorn sacrificed hair (4,000 tons yearly) and sell it at public auctions to international buyers; this raises an astounding \$800,000,000.00 USD annually for the temple's treasury.

FACT: India's population is 1.21 billion, of which 85% are Hindus. With those demographics, India is the only country that has the capacity to supply human hair at a global level.

FACT: There is no shortage of free hair from the pilgrims for the Indian temples to auction off to exporters. The only place in the world that has organized commercial quantities of hair is from India where approximately 600 million women ritually donate their hair to the Hindu idols. It makes the most sense to buy where the supply is high and the price is reasonable.

FACT: It takes an average of five women growing their hair for approximately 8 years to create one long wig. This suggests the need for tremendous amounts of a constant hair supply in order to keep up with just the Jewish wig niche of the market. The only logical source for enough hair at those lengths and quantities would be from India.

FACT: No other genetic structure is as similar to European and North American hair as that of Indian hair. Indian temple hair is of high quality and is very versatile. Indian women take exceedingly good care of their hair and don't use any chemicals, bleaches, or dyes. It can be easily processed to look and feel almost exactly like European, Russian, or Brazilian.

FACT: European women don't generally have naturally black hair, making it almost impossible to have large supplies of naturally dark hair available to the market.

FACT: In European and South American countries, a minority of the hair market is made up of hair collection from villages. The village collectors are comprised of armed Mafia agents who "claim" to travel to poor villages and cut hair in exchange for cash.

FACT: Due to Mafia control, laymen are unable to watch or be involved in the process.

FACT: In many instances, the agents will sell "raw untouched ponytails," which truthfully have been processed and mixed.

FACT: It is impossible for even an expert or Mashgiach to ascertain the country of origin.

FACT: According to investigators, the only possible way to verify with complete certainty the origin of hair in any given wig is to watch the process first-hand from step A to Z.

FACT: While major wig brands and kosher supervisors have very good intentions of using non Indian hair, they are being duped by their suppliers who often are selling camouflaged Indian hair.

FACT: China is the main importer of Indian hair, followed by Brazil, Hong Kong, Italy and the United States.

FACT: Nearly all wigs in the Jewish market are processed and sewn into a cap by Chinese factories.

FACT: Chinese factories operate entirely free of regulation or supervision. They have been known to provide false labeling about product origin, and switching or diluting hair shipments from customers with their own cheaper processed hair.

FACT: A customer sending their own virgin hair to China, should highly suspect that the virgin hair may be mixed or swapped with unidentified (Indian temple) hair. There is no guarantee that hair will not be tampered with.

FACT: Chinese wig manufacturers oftentimes integrate some human hair into synthetic wigs.

FACT: There is absolutely no way to know with certainty where the hair in any wig originates from.

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▶ 98% of all human hair in the world originates from Indian hair. That includes all colors, dark hair, light hair, as well as color treated blonde hair.

- ▶ With a population of roughly 1.3 billion people, of which just over 600 million are women, India certainly has the capacity to supply human hair at a global level.
- ▶ There are no regulations whatsoever in the hair industry. Thus, many countries will re-label Indian hair as their own, and that includes: Russia, Europe, Brazil, Peru, China, Bolivia, Malaysia, Italy, Indonesia, Ukraine, and many more.
- ▶ Once hair has been processed, no expert can tell where the original hair has come from. There's no way to feel the hair, and ascertain its origin.
- ▶ Most wigs are processed in China. The Chinese manufacturers operate within a market which lacks supervision or regulation. They have been known to provide false labeling in their products, and hair switching. China buys an enormous amount of Indian temple hair.
- ▶ Although there are some women in poor villages who will sell their hair, this is a very small minority, making up about 1% of the hair industry. It's more likely that the agents are being dishonest about the hair's origin.
- ▶ I personally know people in Los Angeles who buy Indian hair and then sell it to Jewish people claiming the hair is "kosher" and is from European countries.
- ▶ People have even advised me to lie about the source of the hair (being from India) as this would financially benefit my company and is the norm in this industry, but I don't want to be unethical.

Vince Selva
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Removing the obstacle of Avodah Zara (idol worship) from our camp

We were presented with the following *halachic* question: There are some wigs on the market which have a *hechsher* (kosher certification) claiming that they do not contain hair from *avoda zara* (idol worship) sacrifices. Can we rely on this *hechsher*?

Our answer: As is well-known, in the year 5764, the *rabbanim* and great *poskim* in our generation have ruled that wigs which contain any human hair from India that was sacrificed for *avoda zara* are unequivocally forbidden and may not be worn. (*MaRan HaGaon HaRav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv zt"l*, *MaRan HaGaon HaRav Shmuel HaLevi Vosner zt"l*, *yb"l MaRan HaGaon HaRav Nissim Karelitz shlit"a*, and the *rabbanim* and *gaonim* of the *Beis Din Tzedek Ha'eida Hachareidus* lead by *HaGaon Av Beis Din HaRav Tuva Weiss shlit"a*.)

MaRan HaGaon HaRav Elyashiv zt"l has written, "It is forbidden to use wigs which are made from any human hair which come from India."¹ In a subsequent letter the *Rav* added, "There is a general halachic rule that, "Any act that a non-Jew performs which is an act that could be done for *avoda zara*, (even if his intention is not known), it is accepted that his intent was for *avodah zara*."² Indeed, *MaRan HaGaon HaRav Vosner zt"l* stated the following: "Who knows if the use of these wigs has also been the cause of the many physical and emotional tragedies in Jewish homes, *l"a*."

It has become known that within the worldwide industry of manufacturing wigs, the majority of human hair originates from the hundreds of idol worshippers in India.

It was confirmed that it is extremely difficult to track down where the hairs on the market originate from. For this reason, our *rabbanim* have ruled that it is forbidden to use any human hair that does not have an absolute verification of its origin.

It has come to our attention that it is clearly impossible under any circumstances to oversee this process. Even hair that comes from countries which are far away from India can still originate from India. As is known, one cannot trust or rely on the manufacturers, merchants, or distributors of hair who claim that they themselves cut off the hair in their home towns.

It is obligatory according to *halacha* that a group of Jewish *mashgichim* (supervisors) who fear Heaven must oversee the process - from the time that the hair is cut until it is woven into a wig. This is something which is not possible at all.

Thus our opinion, the *daas Torah* is that all *hechsheirim* that have been given on the wigs are invalid and one cannot rely on them. And one who guards his soul should distance himself from them.

We feel obligated to protest against the giving of a *hechsher* on wigs which are nonetheless forbidden according to the laws of modesty (e.g. long, loose flowing, and natural-looking wigs), upon which all *gedolei yisroel* have prohibited. One would never consider giving a *hechsher* on meat that was cooked in milk claiming, "Well at least it was slaughtered according to '*halacha*.'" So too, it is impossible to give a *hechsher* from *avoda zara* on something which is against *tznius* and is therefore forbidden to be worn. Indeed, these wigs cause the erosion of *tznius* among Jewish daughters.

In the merit that *Bnos Yisroel* will guard themselves from such severe transgressions, we will be *zoche* to the *geula shleima b'korov*.

Thus, we undersign in order to save the public from sin. Tammuz 5777

חיים מאיר הלוי, ראובן רובין מאיר, שריאל רוזנברג, ראובן בני ברק, יהודה סילמן, אביד בריד בני ברק, שמעון בעדני, חבר מועצת חכמי התורה, משה מרדכי קראב, דומ"צ ורב חב"ת, הרדמות מודיעין

להסיר מכשול ע"ז ממחוננו

נדרשנו לאשר שאלוננו: דבר פאות נכרות אשר יש עליהם איזה שהוא הכשר שאין בהם שיער מתקרבת עבודה זרה, האם ניתן לסמוך עליהם?
תשובה: כידוע, בשנת תשס"ד נדרשו רבתינו גדולי הפוסקים שבדרגת לברור שאלת תקרובת עבודה זרה בפאות נכרות המעורב בהם שיער אדם שהובא מהודו, מן הגר"ש אלישיב ומן הגר"ש הלוי ואנר זצוק"ל, ולהבחין מן הגר"ן קרליץ שליט"א, והרבנים האנונים חברי הבד"צ העדה החרדית ובראשם הגאב"ד ר"ט וויס שליט"א, והעליו כולם לאסור פאות כאלו בלבטישה.
וכתב מן הגר"ש אלישיב זצוק"ל (מסמך מס' ב' פס' ע"א): "אסור להשתמש בפאות נכרות העשויות משיער אדם שהובא מהודו", ע"ל. ובמכתב נוסף (פס' א' פס' ע"א) כתב: "ענין חסידות ר"ט פס' ע"א: "הדבר פשוט שאומרים בה סתם ענין לעבודה זרה שהיה עצם מטרת המתגלים הוא לעבודה זרה", ע"ל. ומן הגר"ש הלוי ואנר זצוק"ל כתב במכתב, ז"ל: "מי יודע אם גם זה גרם להרבה מקרים גופניים ונפשיים בבתי ישראל", ע"ל.
וכבר התברר בחמסם שבתעשיית השיער בעולם מצוי ריבוי גדול מאד של שיער אדם שמקורו ממאות מקדשי עבודה זרה בהודו, וקשה ביותר לברר מקור השיער שבשווקים, על כן אסור רבתינו כל שיער - שאין בירור גמור מהיכן הוא מגיע.

וכפי שעלה בדיניו בבירורים, אי אפשר לסדר בשום אופן השגחה על דבר זה, ואפילו שיער הבא ממדינות הרחוקות מהודו - יכול להיות מקורו בהודו. וכמובן שאי אפשר לסמוך על המפעלים, היבואנים והסוחרים האומרים שהם בעצמם דאז את השיער במקום. וחייבים ע"פ הלכה שיהיה פיקוח צמוד של משגיחים יהודים ראי שמים שישתדלו וידונו ענין סוף, דבר שאינו אפשרי כלל. ועל כן דעתנו דעת תורה שכל ההכשרים שניתנו בה אן בהם משתמשין לטמון עליהם, ושומר נפשו ירחק מהם.
והגנו מרגשים חובה בעצמנו למחות על כך שניתן הכשר מאסור ע"ז על פאות האסורות ע"פ הלכות הצניעות (מכארות ופרועות ובמראה טבעי), ואשר כל גדולי ישראל אסרו לתת הכשר לפאות כאלו, וכשם שלא יעלה על הדעת לתת הכשר על בשר שהתבשל בחלב ולומר כי לכה"פ הוא נשחט 'כהלכה', כך אי אפשר לתת הכשר מעבודה זרה לדבר הנגזר את דיני הצניעות ואסור בלבטישה, והי זה גרם לביטול הצניעות של בנות ישראל.

ובזכות שבנות ישראל יתרו ממכשולים חמורים אלו, נזכה במהרה לאולה שלמה בב"א, ועל זה באנו על החתום להציל רבים מתועב, בין המצרים תשע"ז לפ"ק

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