

But from the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat of it. (2:17)

It is interesting to note that the first "you shall not" given to man concerned forbidden food. This is a very significant introduction to the *Torah* for *Klal Yisroel*, whose daily domestic activities includes keeping the laws of *Kashrus*. From childhood till the end of life, the Jew is confronted with prohibitions regarding the various species which are rendered unfit due to organic blemishes, improper slaughter, admixtures of milk and meat, "chometz" on Pesach, and other restrictions. The need to eat and drink is basic, immediately after the need to breathe. Therefore, this history of the first sin of mankind is presented in this form to the nation to whom matters of this nature are of primary concern.