

Orthodox Jews Claim High Costs Not Kosher

The National Council of Young Israel, a synagogue organization of Orthodox Jews, is embarking on a major investigation of the high price of kosher food.

According to a spokesman for the 70-year-old Orthodox organization, the investigation was prompted by a growing number of complaints about the high cost of maintaining a kosher home.

Under the strict dietary and ritual laws of Orthodox Judaism, foods must be prepared in rigid adherence to certain rules and certified as kosher.

One major reason for the new concern stems from the current vitality of the Orthodox movement within American Judaism.

Many young Jewish couples who want to keep a kosher home are unable to do so because of the high cost.

The issue has sharply divided the Orthodox community.

Experts on both sides of the price issue say the addi-

tional kosher production cost at the slaughterhouse level is between 10 and 15 cents a pound for meat and poultry.

They acknowledge that both the wholesale and retail level price is anywhere between 50 percent and 100 percent higher than similar non-kosher items.

A retail businessman specializing in kosher food strongly disagreed and claimed that the national kosher certification agencies went beyond the minimum standards of the dietary laws, setting such extreme requirements for certification that they created essentially a monopoly situation in which a few slaughterhouses are put in the position of controlling the market. He said his profit on kosher meat and poultry products was a mere 5 percent, and high prices in his store reflected the premium he has been forced to pay on the wholesale level.

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