

COMMUNITY SEFER TORAH AWARENESS

Elul, 5786

Overview

Our Findings- Shocking! - A Chain is only as strong as its weakest link

1. **9 out of 10 Torahs checked here in deal are found to have been non-kosher** and/or very Bediavad. These are from New and old Torahs, and almost always the owner is very shocked.
2. 50% seem that had never been properly hand checked, while the rest were checked by hand, but still had issues that were overlooked (some with a lot of issues and others just a few).
3. The problems can all be seen with the human eye with 20\20 vision from a distance of 6 inches.

Computer Checking: The standard computer check is not catching the problems:

1. A computer check is only as good as the pictures it is fed and most Soferim are not photographers and are not using the special lighting for glare nor is the clarity near the human eye. It matters where it is computer checked!
2. Most checks are still being done with DUK® - the old black and white software- which is outdated and not reliable except for spelling.

Complex laws - High Level requirements

The Laws for A Kosher Torah are Complex:

The Parchment, Ink and Giddim all need Kosher Certification

The Scribe and Proofreader need UpToDate Certification which is renewed (typically within 3 years)

The Torah must be reliably computer checked, even the last page after the Hachnassa.

The recommended way to ensure its Kashrut is through a reliable 3rd Party to certify and validate its Kosher Status.

New Torahs - 3rd Party Certification

We have created a guide with all the requirements for certification.

The guide can be downloaded from laniadosafrutcenter.com.

Once completed, the form can be sent in (sofershaul@gmail.com), and if approved, the Torah will be labeled certified and its info stored in our database.

Already Purchased Torahs- The TST® Computer Check and Laniado Safrut Center

Each Torah is computer checked with the New TST® check and then individually given a course of action to receive certification. Lastly, The Torah is labeled Kosher, and its info stored in our database.

1. 600 DPI Images- Detailed 100+ megapixel images paralleling the human eye at 20\20 nearsighted vision at a 6-inch distance.
2. True Color- Tested and certified compliant with Federal and international guidelines in Color Accuracy (FADGI and ISO) with ZeroGlare Tech.
3. AI/ML Color Software Analysis- The Software used (EStam® and Eye4Isarel®) is up to date and much more accurate than the traditional DUK Software for all sorts of issues. Note: The Software is not perfect, and a proper hand check is always required.
4. Professional repairs are done on premises, and additional specialized checking is available when needed.

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Issues found in our Communities Torahs

Touching Letters



Cracked\Unfilled Letters



Spelling Issues



Traditional vs. New TST® Images

32 MP

100+ MP



Same Shin

VS

Undetectable Crack

Visible and Detected



Visible Glare



ZeroGlare Tech

Tagim\Crown Issues



Tag Placed on Wrong Letter

Letters Missing Tagim

Tagim Touching

Improperly Shaped Letters and Improper Spacing

