



Ensuring that our STa"M is Kosher



How STAMP is transforming the STa"M industry from being unsupervised and unregulated, into a transparent, reliable system.





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Who and what is STAMP?

Introduction



What is STAMP?

For the past 80 years, the STa"M industry has been severely neglected. Mezuzos, Tefillin, Sifrei Torah, Megillos and Sifrei Neviim have been produced with no organized oversight. As a result, Jews around the world have been procuring their STa"M with the *assumption* that what they are purchasing is kosher. However, after decades of alarming discoveries followed by extensive research, an astounding statistic was revealed: over 70% of STa"M currently being sold in Jewish communities around the world is either kasher b'dieved or altogether pasul. STAMP was established to serve as the worldwide Jewish community's first STa"M hashgacha organization. By systemically uprooting the dysfunction and introducing complete transparency and reliability, you can now purchase your STa"M with complete confidence that it is 100% kosher.

STAMP is a nonprofit organization that has absolutely no involvement in the buying or selling of any STa"M.

WHO IS STAMP?

Rabbonim

STAMP is under the guidance and direct supervision of five of the world's leading authorities in the field of STa"M:

HaRav Chaim Sperling shlit"a,

HaRav Moshe Uri Bloi shlit"a

Harav Don Bricker shlit"a,

HaRav Reuvain Mendlowitz shlit"a

HaRav Yaakov Zions shlit"a

Executive Director

Avraham Yechezkel Lessin

Our Partners



The OU, the world's largest kosher-certifying agency, is a partner and promoter of STAMP's work. The OU symbol accompanies all STAMP-certified STa"M, to signify the OU's approval of the supervision process.

Learn how the OU is getting involved at www.oukosher.org/mezuzah



Hisachdus HaRabbonim (the CRC), the largest and most trusted kosher certifying agency in the Heimische market, partners with STAMP to support and promote reliable production of STa"M. The CRC logo appears on select STAMP-certified STa"M items to indicate their approval of those specific products.

HOW THE STa"M INDUSTRY PLUNGED INTO ANARCHY:

Between 1945 - 1980

As a result of Jews being displaced and scattered around the world, many mitzvos were much more difficult to perform in a predictable and reliable manner: kashrus, mikvah, arba minim and so much more. The ability to fulfill the mitzvos of STa"M was no different, maybe even worse. Even if one was able to obtain STa"M that looked ok, there was no real way of knowing where it came from and whether or not it was produced in a halachically reliable manner.

For the next 40 years...

After an initial burst of inspiration, the number of certified Sofrim declined with every passing year and the computer program needed updating.

Pre-WWII

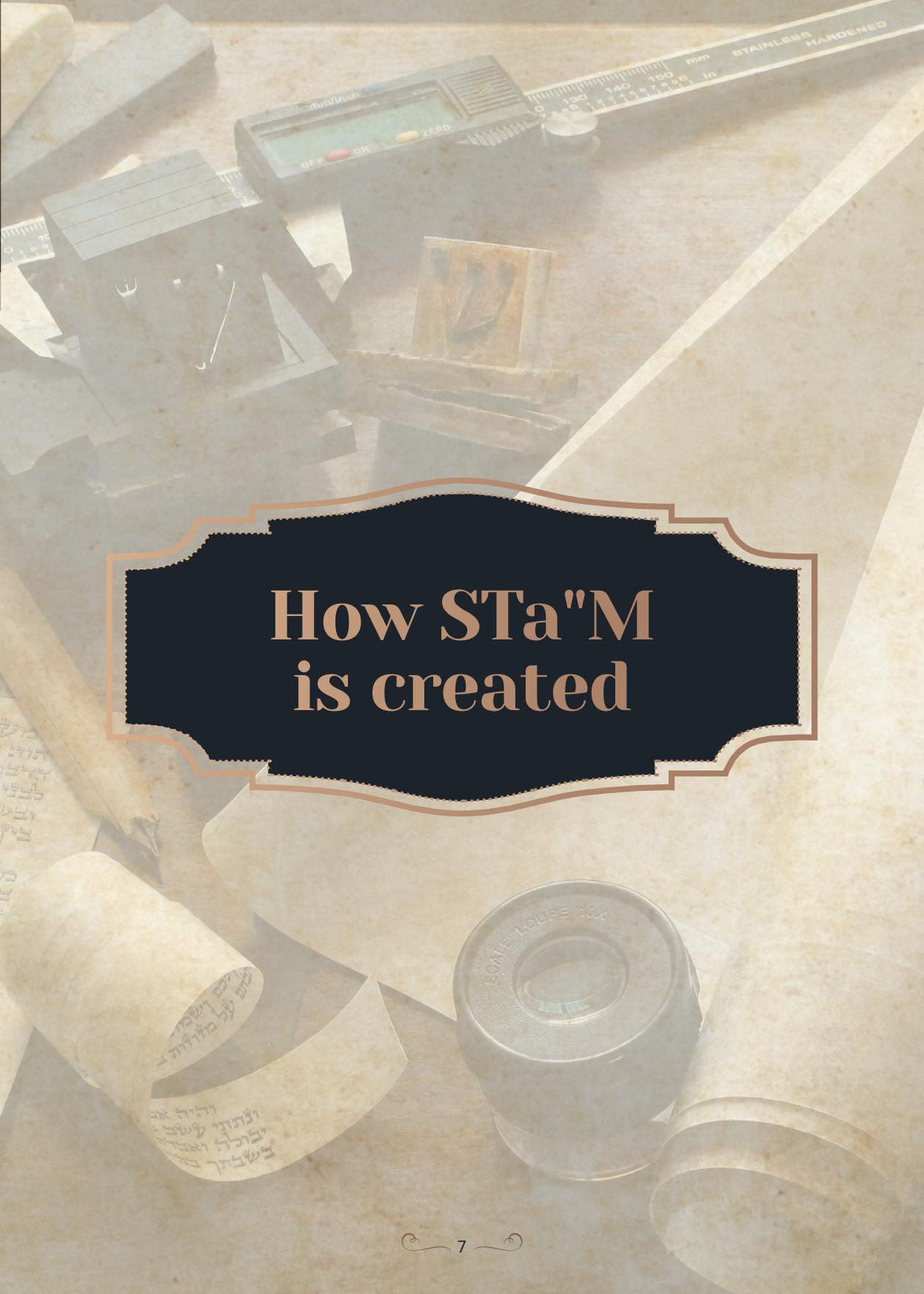
Before WWII, nearly every sofer was actually much more than just a sofer. He did it all. Proficient in the production of materials (klaf, ink, batim, retzuos and gid) in addition to writing and checking, everyone knew and trusted the source of their STa"M.

Circa 1980

In an effort to begin reining in the anarchy that was the result of the previous 35 year free-for-all, HaRav Shmuel HaLevi Vozner zt"l founded the Vaad Mishmeres STa"M, offering sofer certification and the first-ever computer checking software.

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STAMP (The STa"M Project) is established under the leadership and direct supervision of the world's leading experts in STa"M.



How S'Ta"m is created



HOW STa" M IS CREATED

The Materials

Klaf

The parchment on which STa" M is written requires strict supervision throughout its complex production.

- . Was it salted or frozen for shipping? If salted, was it done by a Jew?
- . Was the ibud (processing) done lishma?
- . Were holes filled in to hide them?
- . Was each side scraped properly?

Even the most beautifully written STa" M is invalid if the klaf was not made according to halacha, and we might never know.

Dyo

The ink for STa" M must be black and free of impure ingredients.

Though halacha technically allows any black dye, poskim provide specific recipes and requirements. Reliable supervision is therefore essential.

Batim

The boxes housing the tefillin parshiyos take about a year to produce, usually involving five or more people in different locations.

- . Were holes patched with skin, paint, or glue?
- . Is the ribuah truly square?

- . Was the shin formed correctly and without creating holes?
- . Did the painter add false charitzim?

Kashrus of the batim is determinative to the proper fulfillment of the mitzvah.

Retzuos

The straps of tefillin are simple to produce, often outsourced to non-Jews abroad.

- . Is genuine hide used, or glued leather with a plastic layer?
- . Are questionable coatings or sealants applied?
- . Even when labeled avodas yad, is the process done properly and with halachic awareness?

Unreliably produced retzuos can threaten fulfillment of the mitzvah entirely.

Giddim

The "threads", made of sinews or tendons, used to sew Tefillin, Sifrei Torah, Megillos and Nevi'im together. These threads must come from kosher animals. Halachic opinions differ regarding spinning and glue use. Currently, most giddim on the market lack proper kashrus supervision.



HOW STa"M IS CREATED

The Sofer

When determining whether or not one is suitable to work as a sofer, there are three basic criteria he must fulfill:

Certification

The Sofer must have up-to-date certification (from a reputable organization), validating that he has passed the necessary exams and proven the requisite knowledge of hilchos STa"M.

If he does not know the halachos properly, even the most "beautiful" mezuzah will likely be pasul and no one would ever know!

Halachically-acceptable writing

The Sofer may be the world's leading expert on hilchos STa"M. However, he must still possess the technical ability to write properly.

Yiras shamayim

When you are buying STa"M, you are "buying" the Sofer as much as the item itself. His middos, his ne'emanus, his speech, his thoughts while writing, etc. are infused in the creation of each letter.

It is critical to verify that the sofer is suitable for this holy work.



HOW STa"M IS CREATED

The Magiah

Perhaps the least-known role in STa"M production is that of the magiah, the certified checker. Ironically, he plays one of the most critical roles. Releasing STa"M without his review is like manufacturing a car without quality control—would you drive it?

The difference between a Sofer and a Magiah

A helpful parallel is that of an author and an editor: their roles and skill sets are vastly different.

A sofer is trained to write each letter in the precise style of STa"M, but not necessarily to check or fix issues. A magiah, however, undergoes extensive training to identify the countless problems that can arise. He scrupulously examines every letter to determine which issues affect kashrus, which can or cannot be fixed, and how to correct them when permissible.

This distinction highlights another qualification: while a sofer may occasionally lose focus while writing, a magiah cannot afford to. One lapse could mean missing a critical mistake that compromises kashrus.

A common question is why a magiah is needed if the sofer has halachic knowledge and excellent writing. The reality, attested to by leading poskim and magihim, is that it is rare to find a STa"M item that

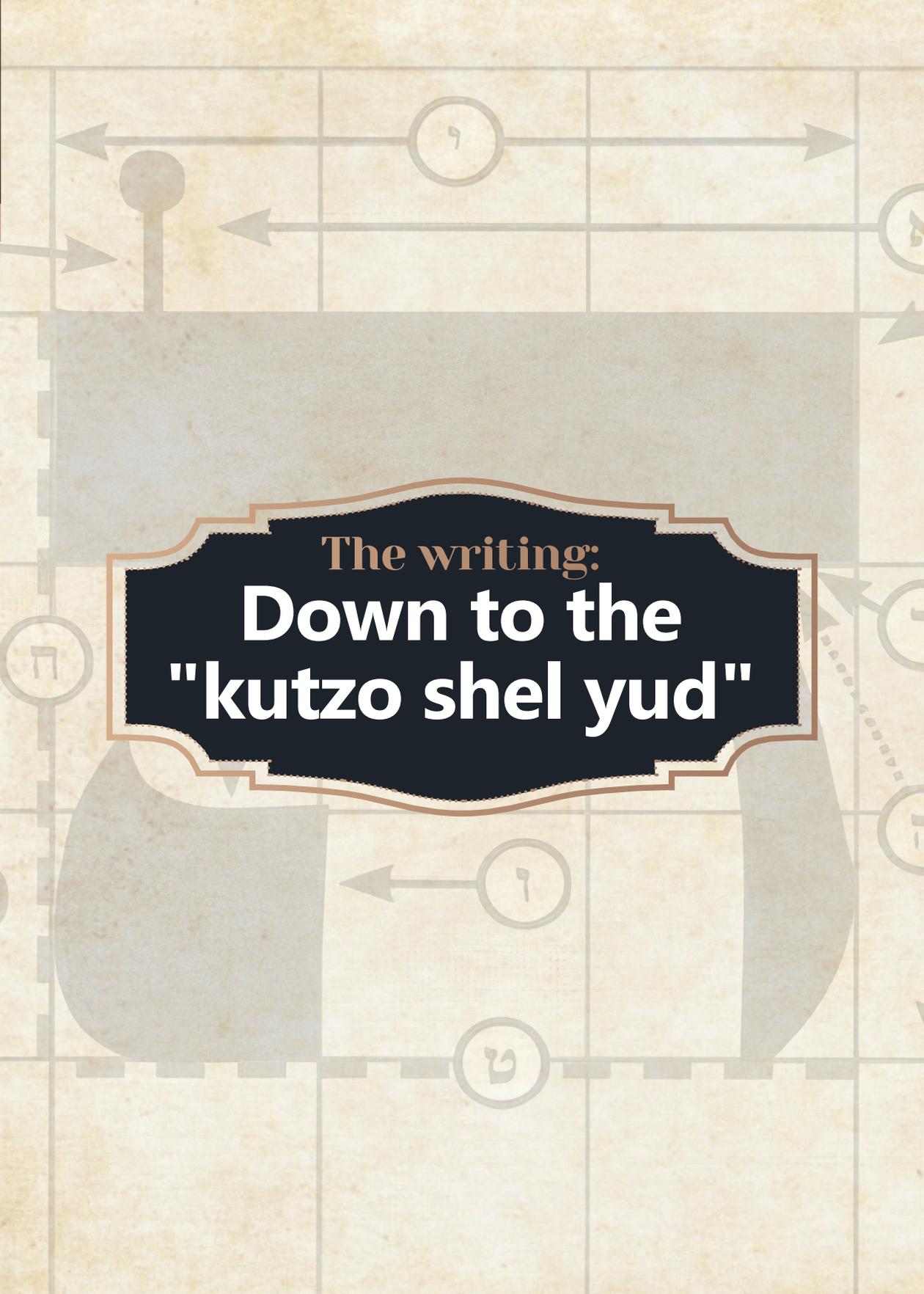
is perfectly kosher without needing any corrections.

To serve as a magiah, one must also have up-to-date certification, and possess yiras shamayim, just as a sofer.

Another crucial role of the Magiah

After checking multiple mezuzos from a sofer, the magiah becomes intimately familiar with his ksav and can provide valuable feedback for improvement. Traditionally, this has not been done as consistently as it should.





The writing:
**Down to the
"kutzo shel yud"**

Letter Shapes (Tzuras Ha'Osios)

The magiah must also examine every part of every letter to ensure that each one is shaped as mandated by halacha. Here are just a few examples of serious issues mentioned in the Mishna Berurah's "Mishnas Sofrim":

<p><i>In Ksav Ashkenaz, this lower left kotz (protrusion) is absolutely necessary</i></p>	<p><i>Folds in the shel rosh can cause cracks in the letters</i></p>
<p><i>The right leg of the yud is too short, forming a "mini-ches"</i></p>	<p><i>The heads of the shin are touching</i></p>
<p><i>The head of the lamed is too short</i></p>	<p><i>The lower right corner is rounded</i></p>
<p><i>The vav is too short</i></p>	

Spacing

Spacing also plays a critical role in the kashrus of the mezuzah. The following examples of spacing issues also render the mezuzah pasul.

<p>Touching letters</p>			
<p>Letters of one word too far apart</p>			

Two words that look like one



Shiur Parsha

לכַּיִן וּדְבָרָה בָּם צַיִתְךָ בְּיַתְךָ וּבְלִבְתֶּךָ בְּדַרְךָ
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"Kuba V'zanav"

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Blackness (shachrus hadyo)

Another critical component of the item's kashrus is the blackness of its letters. Letters should not be "black enough". Rather they are required to be "the blackest of black".

(Beur Halacha 32:3 (sv: yichtevaim), Keses HaSofer 3:1, Rambam hil' tefillin 1:4)

A common practice among sofrim to speed up writing is adding water or too much diluting agent to the ink, reducing its viscosity. This waters down the ink and neutralizes the ingredients that ensure adequate blackness.

How black is black?



Ensuring the kashrus

How STAMP ensures the kashrus of every mezuzah it certifies

Materials

Pre-STAMP

Sofrim used whatever material best suited their budget and technical preference.

With STAMP

STAMP's Rabbonim determine which klaf and ink are acceptable. Upon receiving STAMP certification, each sofer signs a contract committing to use only STAMP-approved materials.

In the near future, STAMP will expand this supervision to factories producing batim, retzuos, and gid as well.

Sofer Certification

Pre-STAMP

Many Sofrim working in the field today never received proper certification and, many of those who did, have failed to renew their certification as required.

With STAMP

STAMP-certified sofrim must renew their certification annually. Those who do not, are ineligible to submit their STa"M items for STAMP certification. In the past, certifying organizations have only offered certification for the sofer himself, not his work. STAMP's unique model of certifying both the person as well as the items he writes, ensures greater accountability and reliability by making item certification contingent on up-to-date certification.

How STAMP ensures the kashrus of every mezuzah it certifies

Halachically-Acceptable Writing

Pre-STAMP

With no organized oversight, the sofer did his best before passing the item on to the magiah with the hope that, if there were any issues, the magiah would find them. The magiah does his best to find/fix mistakes, knowing that he is probably the final stop before the item heads to market. The seller, often uninvolved in either the writing or checking process, then looks for a buyer. If, during a future review of the item, any issues are found, the seller may feel that the magiah should have caught it, the magiah may feel that the sofer should not have relied on him to find every little error and the sofer may feel that, although he tries his best, it's the magiah's job to catch all of the issues! In short, whose responsibility it is, is difficult to determine.

With STAMP

- . Every item that STAMP certifies is written by a STAMP-certified sofer and must pass a multi-stage in-house checking process by STAMP magihim.
- . The magihim who checked the sofer's mezuzos provide ongoing feedback to help him improve his writing.
- . If a Sofer has passed all of his STAMP certification exams but his writing is not quite up to par, STAMP employs writing experts to work with these Sofrim one-on-one to help them understand what improvements need to be made and how to make them.
- . STAMP takes total responsibility for the kashrus of every item it certifies.



Yiras Shamayim

Pre-STAMP

A sofer's suitability—his yiras shomayim, trustworthiness, proper middos and so on—was assumed but rarely verified. Buyers had no reliable way of confirming these qualifications, and sellers often do not share the sofer's contact information for fear of competitors "stealing" him. Furthermore, certifying agencies typically do not evaluate these traits before granting certification, focusing solely on the sofer's knowledge of the halachos.

With STAMP

As mentioned earlier, when you are buying STa"M, you are "buying" the Sofer as much as the item itself. Meaning, the item is not just a reflection of his handiwork. His middos, his trustworthiness, his way of speaking, his thoughts while writing, etc. are infused in the creation of each letter. We can loosely define this as his "yiras shamayim".

Although we have no way to measure a person's yiras shamayim, STAMP does its utmost to verify the person's suitability: References are called to get a feel for who the sofer is as a person. This has proven to be an extremely helpful tool when determining whether or not STAMP feels comfortable certifying this sofer.

Magiah

Pre-STAMP

Many working as a magiah have never been properly certified and, many who were, failed to renew their certification as required. In addition, most magihim work independently without any organized supervision and each one according to his own standards.

With STAMP

Magihim who work in the STAMP checking branch work alongside one another, under the direct supervision of the STAMP Rabbonim.

Magihim must also pass STAMP's three-pronged exam, provide references and renew their certification annually.

STAMP places unprecedented emphasis on the professional development of its magihim.

- Newly-certified magihim work alongside veteran magihim, always "exchanging notes" and providing each other with feedback.
- STAMP's lead rabbonim are on a daily rotation providing each and every magiah with the feedback necessary to improve and hone his skills.
- STAMP's new state-of-the-art computer checking software is able to detect changes made by each magiah (or the mistakes he missed!) in order to provide him with a report of where he is excelling and where he needs improvement.
- STAMP spares no expense to ensure that magihim working in our checking branch have the most up to date and advanced equipment available to do their job at the highest level.
- STAMP is committed to fair-trade standards, ensuring that magihim are able to use this unique skill to provide for their families in a proper and respectable manner.

Computer Checking

Pre-STAMP

The first computer-checking software for STa"M was developed by the Vaad Mishmeres STa"M in the early 1980's. It was eventually embraced by all groups, but was never meant to be used in lieu of magihim. It was relied upon to detect spelling errors ONLY.

Although this program – and others like it – has saved countless STa"M items over the past 40 years, today's technological advancements allow us to significantly upgrade this tool to be far more accurate and effective.

With STAMP

STAMP has developed a state-of-the-art computer checking system that provides unparalleled accuracy and incorporates many new features.



State-of-the-Art Features

Machine Learning

Every problem detected by the program is flagged and presented to the computer checker (a STAMP-certified *magiah*), allowing him to either validate or reject the issue. With the ability to not only receive feedback *from* the program, but also to *return* it, the program detects the differences between issues that were validated and issues that were rejected, thereby improving the accuracy of its own detection moving forward.

Ability to detect additional halachic issues

In addition to detecting spelling errors, STAMP's computer checking system is also built to identify a slew of other halachic issues with pinpoint accuracy: misshaped letters (*tzuras ha'osios*), detection of mixed writing styles, spacing issues, disconnected crowns (*tagin*) and more.

Feedback for *magihim*

When a *magiah* concludes his manual check, he scans the article and the results of his work are then entered into the STAMP computer checking database. Rabbonim and supervisors are then able to use that information to offer helpful feedback to improve the *magiah's* checking skills.

The life of each article

Each item is assigned a unique QR code which links to the article's full history and biography: who wrote it, when it was written, which materials were used, who checked it, when it needs to be checked again, and more.

Ability to identify the sofer's writing

In an effort to ensure that a sofer is only submitting articles that *he* wrote, STAMP's computer checking system employs "handwriting analysis" to match the *ksav* of each item with the particular sofer who wrote it. This feature helps prevent the STa"M version of 'ghost writing', a less common – yet still existing – type of fraud.

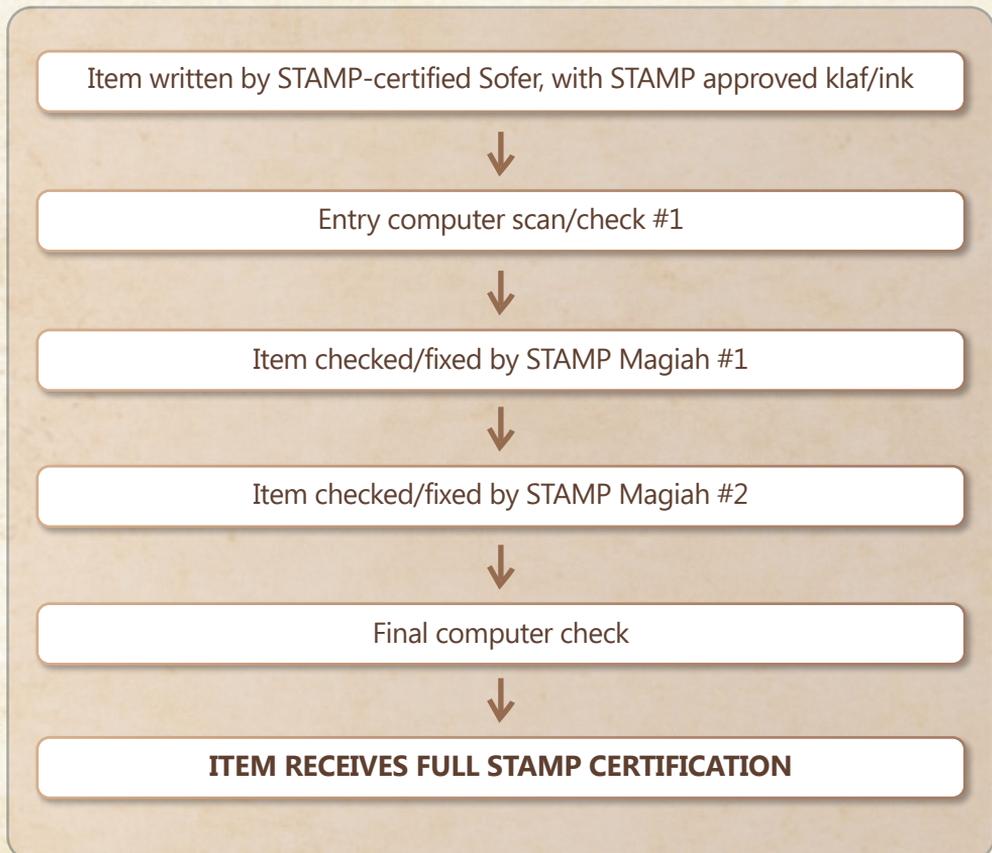
Ability to ID each individual article

As it is impossible for any two STa"M items to be identical, every item can be scanned – even many years later – in order to discern whether or not an article was originally STAMP-certified.



ITEM CERTIFICATION

Now that we've covered the basics of what it takes to be a sofer/magiah and what needs to be checked to ensure the mezuzah's kashrus, how is STAMP pulling all of these pieces together to offer the first-ever fully certified mezuzah?





THE FINISHED PRODUCT

Pre-STAMP:

In most cases, when a mezuzah was purchased, buyers received little to no information about its origin, and the seller could not assume full responsibility for the item's kashrus.

With STAMP:

Every mezuzah is assigned an ID card showing its full history and biography, along with a unique QR code linked to STAMP's database to verify authenticity. The mezuzah and card are then sealed in a tamper-proof plastic sleeve, assuring the buyer that the item has remained untouched since leaving STAMP's certification office. With this system, STAMP takes full responsibility for the kashrus of each item and ensures that every traceable detail is available to the buyer.

Important Note:

Even when buying a mezuzah from someone we trust, we must keep in mind that the entire process and all criteria outlined above must be carefully supervised. **The overwhelming majority of STa"M is produced in Eretz Yisroel.** Not only is it ideal to have this supervision done by an **on-site** organized hashgacha agency which takes complete responsibility for the proper fulfillment of these criteria, but – equally as important – an agency which has **absolutely no involvement in the business of buying or selling these items.**





**Other ways STAMP
is transforming
the industry**



TRANSFORMING THE INDUSTRY

Magiah Training

Before STAMP, the STa"M industry suffered from a severe shortage of properly trained, certified and reliable magihim. STAMP is now beginning its eighth course with over 180 total participants!

One-on-one Guidance

Often, a sofer will come to STAMP to become certified, but his writing is not quite up to par. STAMP employs a team of experts with the unique skill of helping sofrim improve their ksav.

Hachnasa Department

To ensure that the assembly of tefillin — an extremely common stage at which tefillin are made pasul — is also under direct supervision.

Financial Workshop

The STa"M industry has infamously operated in the black market for decades. STAMP partners with organizations like Mesilah to help STa"M professionals learn and adopt proper business practices.

Beis Hora'ah

STAMP allocates certain hours daily for all sofrim and magihim to receive guidance and/or have their shaylos answered by STAMP's Rabbonim.

Publishing

There are several topics in hilchos STa"M dealing with issues that come up almost

daily in the work of a sofer/magiah, yet are not found in the classic halachic works. In addition, some of what is already printed is not adequately elucidated. STAMP publishes works which provide greater halachic clarity on these topics.

Educational Seminars

Providing Jewish communities with a greater understanding of the complexities involved in STa"M production, deepening appreciation of these mitzvos and the critical necessity of comprehensive hashgacha.

Rabbonim Workshops

Most people are not sofrim or magihim. However, many STa"M related shaylos still confront you:

- Does a particular doorway need a mezuzah? If it does, where on that doorpost should it be affixed?
- A mistake was found during kriyas hatorah. What do I do?
- I accidentally dropped my tefillin, denting one of the corners. Is it still kosher?
- Rolling a mezuzah improperly can often cause the letters to crack, invalidating the mezuzah. Do I know how to properly roll them?

And the list goes on. STAMP provides free video shiurim for community rabbonim to help them become better educated on these topics and, even if you're still unsure, our rabbonim are readily available to provide you with the answers you're looking for.

How Expensive is Expensive?

One of the first questions people ask about STAMP is: "*Won't this make mezuzos more expensive?*"

Proper hashgacha does add cost, but let's see how much — and whether our current gauge is accurate.

Many people assume \$100 is reasonable. What is that based on?

- Klaf+ink costs ~\$10, and two magihim charge ~\$10 each, totaling \$30 before the sofer's pay.
- If \$70 remains, and he can only write a maximum of ~6 hours a day (two mezuzos, if that), that's ~40 mezuzos per month or ~\$2,800, not counting invalid ones. The six hours a day limit is a practical limit, not a preference.

But two other parties need part of that \$70 as well. Nearly all sofrim rely on a socher (sometimes also referred to as a sofer) to find a buyer and handle logistics: pickups, checking, payments, returns, and shipping. For mezuzos sold outside of Eretz Yisroel, an *additional* socher is involved — one to coordinate logistics in E"Y, and another to market/sell it in chutz la'aretz. For many sochrim, this is a full-time job.

And now we know that proper, organized hashgacha is essential too — that cannot be free either.

Put together, it's clear: if we want cheaper mezuzos, something has to give. But shouldn't our priority be certainty that our mezuzos are 100% kosher and reliably produced?

Indoor mezuzos generally last 30–40 years. Even at an average cost of \$175 each, Twenty mezuzos will total \$3,500, roughly 27¢ per day over 35 years. We invest heavily in homes, cars, and other luxuries; ***mitzvah fulfillment deserves the same priority.***



**How YOU
can help**



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We were given mitzvos to infuse our lives with kedusha and build our connection with HaShem.

To accomplish this with our STa"M, it must be 100% kosher. What can you do to ensure this?

EVERYONE

Next time you're looking to buy new mezuzos, tefillin for your son's Bar Mitzvah, a new Sefer Torah or your next Megillah, buy only STa"M that is certified by a reputable hashgacha organization.

RABBONIM

1. Promote the purchase of only certified STa"M in your shuls and schools.
2. Host educational events in your shul/school to help raise awareness about the **complexities** involved in the production of STa"M and the organized **hashgacha** thus needed to ensure our STa"M is kosher and that we are **properly fulfilling** these mitzvos.
3. Speak to local STa"M sellers and Judaica shops about making STAMP-certified STa"M available to your community.

SOFRIM/MAGIHIM

Do you already write and/or check STa"M? Become STAMP-certified.

By joining the STAMP family, you broaden your appeal to potential clients, and help us spread our mission and message.

Test your skills

There are at least 11 serious halachic issues in this mezuzah, most of which render it pasul. Answers on page 31.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד וְאַהֲבַת אֵת
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכֹל לְבָבְךָ וּבְכֹל גְּפוֹתְךָ וּבְכֹל מְאֹדְךָ וְהָיוּ
הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְשׁוֹר הַיּוֹם עָלֶיךָ לְבָבְךָ וְשִׁנְיֹתֶיךָ
לְבָבֶיךָ וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשֹׁבְתֶךָ בְּבֵיתֶךָ וּבֹלְכֶתְךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ
וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוֹמְךָ וְקִשְׁרָתָם לְאוֹת עָלֶיךָ וְהָיוּ לְטוֹטְפוֹת
בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ וְכַתְּבָתָם עָלֶיךָ מִזְזוֹת בֵּיתֶךָ וּבְשַׁעֲרֶיךָ
וְהָיָה אִם עָשִׂיתָ תִּשְׁמָעוּ אֵל מִצְוֹתַי אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי
מְצַוֶּה אֹתְכֶם הַיּוֹם לְאַהֲבָה אֵת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וּלְעֲבֹדוֹ
בְּכֹל לְבָבְכֶם וּבְכֹל גְּפוֹתֵיכֶם וּבְכֹל מְאֹדְךָ אֲרִצְכֶם בְּעֵתוֹ
יִרְאֶה וּמִלְקוֹשֵׁי וְאִסְפוֹת דָּגָנְךָ וְתִירְשֶׁךָ וְיִגְדְּהָרֶךָ וְתִתֵּי
עֵשֶׂב בְּעֵדֶיךָ לְבִהַמְתֶּךָ וְאִכְלִיתָ וְשִׁבַּעְתָּ הַשְּׂמֵרוֹ לְכֶם
פֶּן יִפְתְּהוּ לְבָבְכֶם וְסָרְתֶם וְעִבַּדְתֶּם אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים
וְהַשְׁתַּחֲוִיתֶם לָהֶם וְזָרָה אֵף יְהוָה בְּכֶם וְעִצֹר אֵת
הַשְּׂמֵרִים וְלֹא יְהִי מִטָּר וְהָאֲדָמָה לֹא תִתֶּן אֵת יְבוּלָהּ
וְאֲבֹדְתֶם מִהֵרָה מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ הַטְּבִיבָה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה צִוְּךָ לְכֶם
וְשִׁמַּתֶּם אֵת דְּבָרֵי אֱלֹהֵי עַל לְבָבְכֶם וְעַל גְּפוֹתֵיכֶם וְקִשְׁרָתֶם
אֹתָם לְאוֹת עָלֶיךָ וְהָיוּ לְטוֹטְפוֹת בֵּין עֵינֵיכֶם וּלְכֹמְדֹתֶם
אֹתָם אֵת בְּנֵיכֶם לְדַבֵּר בָּם בְּשֹׁבְתֶךָ בְּבֵיתֶךָ וּבֹלְכֶתְךָ
בַּדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוֹמְךָ וְכַתְּבָתָם עָלֶיךָ מִזְזוֹת בֵּיתֶךָ
וּבְשַׁעֲרֶיךָ לְמוֹעֵד יִרְבוּ יְמֵיכֶם וְיָמֵי בְנֵיכֶם עִלְּהֵם
אֲשֶׁר צִוְּבָה יְהוָה לְאַבְרָהָם לְתַת לָהֶם כִּימֵי הַשְּׂמֵרִים
עַל הָאָרֶץ

Rabbinic endorsements

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Rabbi Boruch Hirschfeld shlit"a

*Rav of Cong. Ahavas Yisrael | Rosh Kollel Ateres Chaim Boruch
Cleveland Heights, OH*

STAMP has brought professionalism and organized accountability to the field of STa"M, providing klal yisrael with certified kashrus on these items. They have brought tremendous hisorerus to others in the field as many others are following their lead.

There is so much that we can benefit from the tremendous things that STAMP is accomplishing.

I have already had the chance to use their resources in Cleveland and for my own family.



Rabbi Yaakov Hopfer shlit"a

*Rav of Shearith Israel Congregation, Baltimore
President of the Vaad HaRabonim of Baltimore*

Until today, when we would go into a seforim store to buy a mezuzah, we couldn't know where it came from. We wanted to do this mitzvah properly but didn't have the ability to do the research [to ensure its kashrus]. Today, we should all

have enormous hakaras hatov to STAMP for the work they are doing, enhancing the quality of STa"M, restoring these mitzvos to their proper state and seeing to it that klal yisrael is able to be mikayeim these mitzvos properly.



Rabbi Moshe Elefant shlit"א

COO of OU Kosher

Rabbi Moshe Hauer zt"ל

Former Executive Vice President, Orthodox Union

Through its deliberate and thoughtful work, STAMP has begun to create a positive transformation in the STa"M marketplace. We are pleased that through the efforts of our kashrus personnel, we are

able to participate in STAMP's efforts of education and oversight, elevating the standards of kashrus and transparency and enhancing consumer confidence.

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Answers from "Test Your Skills", page 44

Line 1 - ישראל - reish is squared on top right. Line 3 - ושננתם - first nun has a nick resembling a gimmel. Line 5 - לטטפת - second tes does not curl in. Line 7 - תשמעו - right arm of shin has no head. Line 8 - מצורה - right head of tzadi is written in ksav ashkenaz; left head is written in ksav ar"i. Line 10 - ונתתי - yud is missing lower left oketz. Line 11 - ושבעת - ayin is missing all its tagin. Line 13 - וחרה - reish and hey are too far apart. Line 17 - והיו - left leg of the hey is too wide. Line 19 - מזוזות - vav between the zayins is missing. Line 21 - כימי - mem has lower right break.

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