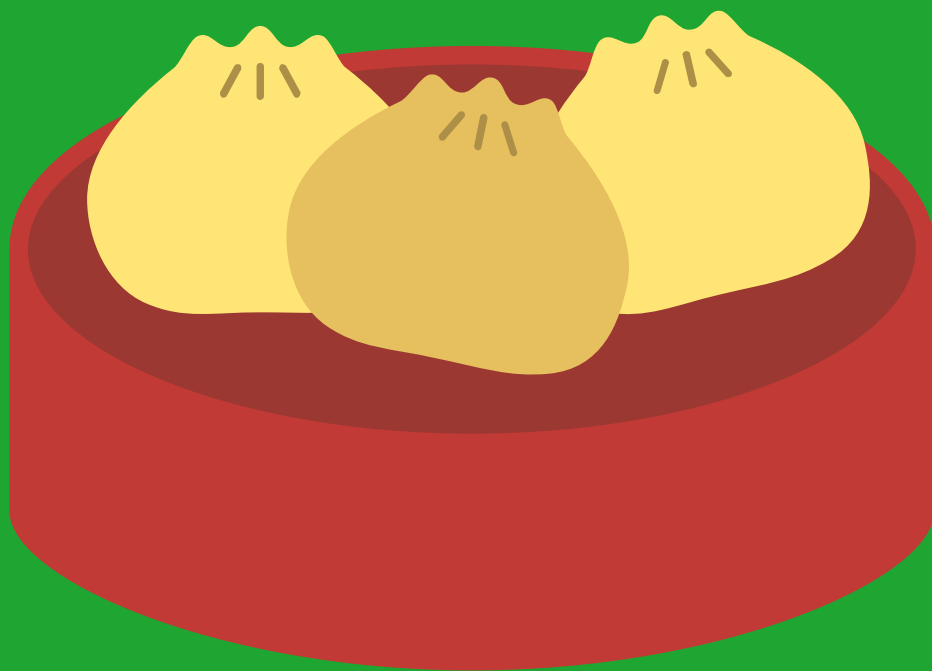


"RESPECT THE POUCH!"

WHEN YOU HAVE DOUGH CONTAINING A FILLING OF MEAT OR FISH, CHEESE OR FRUIT, ETC. (E.G. A KNISH OR DUMPLING), THE FILLER BECOMES TOTALLY TAFEL TO THE DOUGH, WHETHER THE BROCHO ON THE DOUGH IS "HAMOTZI" OR "MEZONOS" - EVEN IF IN THE END YOU'VE CONSUMED THE SHELL AND ARE LEFT WITH EVEN MUCH OF THE FILLING ON ITS OWN. ALTHOUGH THE FOCAL POINT OF YOUR ENJOYMENT IS USUALLY THE FILLING, YOU ALSO INTEND TO EAT THE DOUGH; SO DON'T ASSUME A STRINGENCY BY REMOVING SOME OF THE FILLING OVER WHICH TO RECITE AN INDEPENDENT BLESSING, FOR IT WILL BE A BROCHO LEVATALOH SINCE THE DOUGH ALREADY EXEMPTS THE FILLING.



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THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE:

IF YOU INTEND TO ONLY EAT THE FILLING ("MILUI") WITHOUT THE BREAD, THEN YOU MAY RECITE THE RESPECTIVE BROCHO OVER IT (E.G. MEAT = SHEHAKOL). AN EXAMPLE OF THIS MAY BE THE CASE OF A GLUTEN-INTOLERANT PERSON WHO CANNOT AT ALL CONSUME THE DOUGH SHELL.