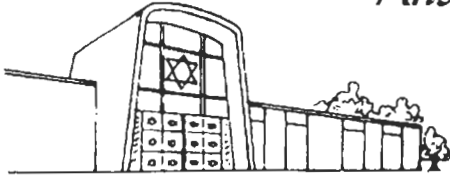


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Dear Mayor Daley:

As a Rabbi, a Chicagoan and, most importantly, a human being, I implore you to maintain the law prohibiting *foie gras* in Chicago. Beyond the Kosher dietary laws, God has told us to do what is "good and proper in the eyes of God." The cruelty inflicted on animals in the production of *foie gras* is unspeakable: it is undeniably disgusting in the eyes of God and in the eyes of any civilized person. As good Americans, we are obligated to make sure that not only are our own homes and kitchens civilized, but that we do not live in a city or a society that allows for morally disgusting procedures to exist or be encouraged. I cannot imagine a Chicago aware of the cruelty of *foie gras* production and still allowing it in our city – and I am heartened that our religious brethren in the Catholic Archdiocese has come out for banning *foie gras* in Chicago.

I urge you, as the leader of our city, who sets the standards what is "good and proper" for Chicago to maintain this ban on *foie gras*.

May God bless you with a year filled with happiness, good health and a city blessed in the eyes of God and in the eyes of humanity,

Rabbi Asher Lopatin