

Nahar Torah Niddah Series #14

Kesamim 7 – Colored Clothes

בזכות החיילים הקדושים ששומרים על ארצינו – הקב"ה יגן עליהם בכל מקום שהם.

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Today we are dealing with our last *shiur* on *hilchos kesamim* – good job! Today's last *shiur* is going to deal with colored clothing. The *Mechaber paskins* that if she finds a *kesem yoter m'k'gris* on a colored garment then she can be *meikel* (since she cannot identify the color)! Practically, we are *meikel* for all colors except white and off-white.

Practical Advice: The *Rama paskins* that when a woman is *tehora* she should wear colored underwear in order to save her from *kesamim*.

Striped Underwear:

1. The “middle” opinion- *Rebbi Akiva Eiger*¹ brings down the *Shoot Mil Tzedaka*² who says that if she sees she has a *gris* only on the white part, or even half a *gris* on each side of the black stripe, then we look at it as one *gris* and she is *temea*; otherwise, she is *tehora*! But, if you only have a *shiur* with *tziruf* of the color (of the stripe) then she is *tehora*.

2. The most *machmir* opinion- *Chavas Da'as*³ says that we are *mitztaref* them together because it doesn't take a genius to notice that a red spot then black then a red spot that there is red in the middle too!

3. The *Tzemach Tzedek*⁴ is the most *meikel* of the three opinions. He says that the black divides the *kesem* into two *kesamim*! So, if she finds half a *kesem* on each side of the black then we can be *meikel*.

Most *Poskim paskin* like *Rebbi Akiva Eiger*. However, the *Shevet Ha'Levi*⁵ and *Rav Moshe*⁶ *paskin* like the *Chavas Da'as l'chumra*. But *Rav Moshe* does say that in a *sha'as ha'dechak* one can rely on *Rebbi Akiva Eiger*.

With this we have finished *hilchos kesamim* – on to *vestos*!

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² שו"ת מיל צדקה סימן קצ סעיף ט

³ חוות דעת ס"ק ט

⁴ צמח צדק מובא בטהרת הבית עמוד שצה

⁵ שבט הלוי עמוד קעא

⁶ אגרות משה יורה דעה חלק ג הלכה נג