

Nahar Torah Niddah Series # 7
Mechaber & Rama Seif Aleph

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

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Now that we've gone through a good introduction and understood some main topics within *hilchos niddah*, we're ready to see our first *seif* in *Yoreh Deah*. Recall, we have 4 requirements to make the woman *niddah d'orysa*:

1. Comes from the uterus
2. The blood *leaves* the uterus and enters the *prozdor*
3. *Hargasha*
4. Correct color

Let's see how they find their way into *halacha*. the *Mechaber*¹ *paskins*:

אשה שיצא דם ממקורה בין באונס בין ברצון טמאה

Meaning, any way the blood leaves the uterus it will make her *niddah* – requirements one, two and four – four can be inferred from the word דם – i.e. if its not the right color then it isnt blood. The *Mechaber* continues:

והוא שתרגיש ביציאתו

But this is only if she had a *hargasha* – the third requirement!

Lastly, the *Mechaber paskins*:

ואפילו לא ראתה אלא טיפת דם כחרדל יושבת עליו שבעה נקיים

Even if she sees only a drop of blood (the size of a mustard seed- *chardal*) she needs to count *zayin n'kiyim*.

The *Rama*² ends off the *siman* by saying that there is no distinction within *niddah* between a married and non-married woman:

ואין חילון בין פנויה לנשואה לענין איסור נדה

Meaning, once she turns 12 she is an *issur niddah*! Thus, from the moment she is 12 until she goes to the *mikvah*, she is *temeah niddah*.

The question then beomes- why don't we allow a single woman to go to the *mikvah*?

The *Shut Rivash*³ explains that we aren't *metaken* a single woman to go to the *mikvah* because if she would go to the *mikvah* then we are going to be *machshil* people to be with a non married woman.

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² יורה דעה סימן קפג רמ"א בסוף

³ נמצא בבית יוסף על סימן קפג