

Nahar Torah Niddah Series #8
Kesamim 1

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

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Shalom u'vracha! Today we are starting a new topic within *hilchos niddah* – *kesamim*! This topic is found in *siman kuf tzadi* (סימן קצ) in *yoreh deah*.

Up until now we've been dealing a lot with when a woman has a regular flow and then becomes a *niddah*. However, we've touched upon and mentioned the word *kesem*, which means spotting. Practically, this is when a woman finds that she found spots of blood, or something else (we'll explain soon) that came out from her. Now, because this isn't a complete flow but its also not nothing, we are stuck in this middle area. Thus, it begs the question- what do we do with *kesamim*? Is a *kesem* enough to make a woman *temea*, can it determine when her *veset* starts, how large does the *kesem* need to be- and many many more questions! We are also going to largely deal with the *din* of *tehiya*, which encompasses a great amount of this *siman*.

A *kesem* is a flow **without** a *hargasha*, therefore they are going to be *assur d'rabanan*. There are 5 requirements for a *kesem* to be *metame* a woman:

- (1) Correct Color
- (2) Larger than a *gris*
- (3) Found on something which is *mekabel tuma*
- (4) Found on a white surface
- (5) Evident it came from her body and not from a wound.

It is important to note that we are **not** going to deal with the correct color of a *kesem*.

The next obvious question is: well, we have defined a *niddah* is a woman who has a full flow **and** has a *hargasha*, a *kesem* is when a woman has a flow **without** a *hargasha* – but what about a woman who has a *hargasha* without finding any blood?

This breaks into two cases:

1. *Hargasha* and doesn't find **any** blood on her *bedika* – *temea* because we say *ain pesichas ha'kever b'lo dam*.

2. *Hargasha* and finds a **tehora colored** blood – *tehora*, because we say that the *pesichas ha'kever* pushed out this *tehora* blood.