
Chullin 88 – Good Morning Raboisai

1️⃣ Liquids from a Dead Person

Gemara:

👉 Rule:

- Liquids (tears, urine, milk) from a dead person

📌 דין

👉 They are:

- Tahor

👉 Exception:

- Blood is tameh

2️⃣ Question from Tumah Levels

👉 Liquids from tumah sources:

- Become a ראשון

👉 Problem:

- Seems liquids from a dead person should also be tameh

📌 Answer

👉 Not referring to a dead person

👉 Rather:

- “Severe” = zav
- “Light” = sheretz

3️⃣ Why This Difference

👉 Question:

- Why are liquids from a zav tameh, but not from a dead person?

📌 Answer

👉 Zav is hidden:

- People don't know → need extra stringency

👉 Dead person:

- Obvious → no need for extra decree

4️⃣ Tumah System (Core Idea)

👉 Tumah works in levels:

- Avi avos → av → rishon → sheni → etc.

👉 Each contact:

- Drops one level

📌 Exception

👉 Liquids:

- Become ראשון even if lower

5️⃣ Covering Blood – How Much

👉 Machlokes:

- Chachamim: cover all blood
- Rabbi Yehuda: even some is enough

- Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel: main flowing blood

📌 **Source**

👉 Word “dam” vs “damo”

6️⃣ **What Can Be Used to Cover**

👉 Must be:

- Like dirt

📌 **Rule**

👉 If you can grow something in it:

- Valid

7️⃣ **Additional Rule**

👉 Even if you cannot grow:

- If Torah calls it “dirt” → valid

👉 Example:

- Ground gold

8️⃣ **What Cannot Be Used**

👉 If cannot grow AND not called dirt:

- Not valid

👉 Example:

- Certain sand / thick materials

9️⃣ Fine vs Coarse Material

👉 Must be:

- Fine and usable

👉 If too coarse:

- Not valid

🔟 Special Cases

👉 Ground pottery, sawdust, ash:

- Can be used

👉 Depends:

- Whether similar to dirt

1️⃣1️⃣ Klal u'Prat

👉 "Cover" = general

👉 "With dirt" = specific

📌 Result

👉 Only items similar to dirt included

1️⃣2️⃣ Beis Shammai vs Beis Hillel

👉 Beis Shammai:

- Only dirt

👉 Beis Hillel:

- Even ash

👉 Reason:

- Ash also called dirt

1️⃣3️⃣ Extra Materials

👉 Examples:

- Charcoal
- Ground stone
- Other fine powders

👉 Valid if:

- Fit rules of dirt

1️⃣4️⃣ Reward of Avraham Avinu

👉 Said:

- “I am dust and ashes”

📌 Result

👉 His children received:

- Ash of Parah Adumah
- Dirt of Sotah

1️⃣5️⃣ Why These Mitzvos

👉 They provide:

- Real-world benefit

👉 Parah Adumah:

- Removes tumah

👉 Sotah dirt:

- Restores relationships

1️⃣6️⃣ Kisuy Hadam Comparison

👉 Kisuy hadam:

- Mitzvah

👉 But:

- No direct physical benefit

1️⃣7️⃣ Final Points

- Liquids from a dead person are mostly tahor
- Zav liquids are stricter due to concern
- Tumah works in levels, liquids are unique
- Machlokes how much blood to cover
- Covering requires dirt or similar material
- Klal u'prat limits what is allowed
- Beis Hillel allows ash
- Avraham's words led to key mitzvos
- Some mitzvos give practical benefit, others spiritual

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