

Definition of Zav (People who Transmit Impurity by Sitting or Lying Down)

Ref: *Sefer Korbanot, Hilchot Mechusrei Kaparah, Chapters 1–3*

Zav

Zav is defined as a sickness whereby semen is discharged with no accompanying feelings and no erection. It is a disease of the male organs. The discharge has a darker colour than normal semen.

If the discharges were linked to external stimuli, then it is not called *zav*.

There are 7 such factors which save a person from being considered a *zav*.

- Overeating
- Over drinking
- Carrying burdens
- Jumping
- Infirmary (i.e. general sickness)
- Provocative sights
- Provocative thoughts

1 Discharge regarded as *baal keri* (seminal discharge). Needs *mikveh* for purification

 2 discharges is regarded as *zav*. Needs 7 clean days and then immersion in a natural stream

3 discharges is called *zav gamur*. Needs 7 clean days, plus immersion in a natural stream, plus offering.

If an entire day or more separated between these discharges, then they are no longer linked together. However they can occur all together one after another on same day.

Reminder

Shichvat Zera (Semen). Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Shaar Avot Hatumah, Chapter 5.*

Mikvaot. Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Mikvaot, Chapter 1.*

Pack on Impurity of *Zav, Zavah etc*



 When *zav* discharges cease, he counts 7 clean days, immerses in a natural stream in morning, on the 7th day waits for evening, and then on 8th day brings his *korban*.

- If he has a seminal discharge during the 7 clean days, only 1 day becomes nullified.
- If he has a *zav* discharge any time during 7 days, even if during the 7th day after he had immersed, he has to recount all the 7 days.

Every male can contract *zav* impurity, even an infant of 1 day old, an impotent, servant etc