

Karpas and Tumah
An Overview of a *Shiur* by Rav
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Shemini

וכי יותן מים על זרע ונפל מנבלתם עליו טמא הוא לכם (ויקרא יא:לח)

- *Netilas Yadayim* for fruit dipped in liquid – Chazal required this due to a complex *gezeira* related to *tumah*.
- *Mishna Berura* – Many people do not do this today, and although there is some support for that, one should really comply with the *gezeira*.
- If the fruit is less than a *k'zayis* –
Mishna Berura says there is room to be lenient, based on a precedent concerning *netilas yadayim* for bread.
- Pesach Night – Everyone washes for *karpas* dipped in salt water to comply with the stringent opinions.
- *Tur* –
Eat less than a *kezayis* of *karpas* to allow the *beracha* count for the *maror* but still avoid questions about reciting a *beracha acharona*.
- *Mishna Berura*:
 - If so, how does this help, if no *netilas yadayim* is needed for less than a *kezayis*?
 - Response – Ultimately, we must agree with the *Tur* and be *machmir* (even if we don't understand). Therefore, less than a *kezayis* of fruit or vegetable dipped in liquid also renders one *chayav*.