

אחרי מות

The Cover Up!

Source Sheet by Rabbi Weiss

<p>Leviticus 17:13-14 (13) And if any Israelite or any stranger who resides among them hunts down an animal or a bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.</p> <p>(14) For the life of all flesh—its blood is its life. Therefore I say to the Israelite people: You shall not partake of the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Anyone who partakes of it shall be cut off.</p>	<p>ויקרא י"ז:י"ג-י"ד (יג) וְאִישׁ אִישׁ מִבְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמִן־הַגֵּר הֶגֶר בְּתוֹכְכֶם אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵד צִיד תְּהִי אֹרְעוֹף אֲשֶׁר יֶאֱכַל וְשָׁפַךְ אֶת־דָּמֹו וְכָסָהוּ בְּעֶפְרָה: (יד) כִּי־נַפְשׁ כָּל־בְּשָׂר דָּמֹו בְּנַפְשׁוֹ הוּא וְאָמַר לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל גַּם כָּל־בְּשָׂר לֹא תֹאכְלוּ כִּי נַפְשׁ כָּל־בְּשָׂר דָּמֹו הוּא כָּל־אֲכָלְיוֹ יִכָּרֵת:</p>
<p>Mishnah Chullin 6:4 (4) ...[If] one slaughtered a wild animal and didn't cover and another saw him, [the other] is obligated to cover. [If] one covered it and it became uncovered, he is exempt from covering [again]. If the wind covered it, one is [still] obligated to cover.</p>	<p>משנה חולין ו':ד' (ד) ...שחט ולא כסה וראהו אחר חייב לכסות. כסהו ונתגלה פטור מלכסות. כסהו הרוח חייב לכסות:</p>
<p>ברטנורא על משנה חולין ו':ד':ג' (ד) כסהו הרוח חייב לכסות. ולא שנו אלא שחזר ונתגלה, אבל לא חזר ונתגלה פטור מלכסות:</p>	<p>ברטנורא על משנה חולין ו':ד':ב' (ד) וראהו אחר חייב לכסות. דכתב בפרשת כיסוי הדם, ואומר לבני ישראל, מצוה זו תהא על כל בני ישראל:</p>

Question:

There is a הלכה when it comes to *Slaughtering* that the blood of the animal must be poured on the ground and covered up after the slaughtering has been done. The משנה in חולין discusses some of the circumstances that obligate one to cover the blood.

The first case is if the wind comes along and uncovers the blood that you have just finished covering. The הלכה is that you do not need to do it again, but that you have fulfilled your obligation.

The משנה says (as explained by the ברטנורא) in the next case that if the wind comes along and covers the blood for you, you once again have fulfilled your obligation, and you don't have to do anything. However, if the wind now comes and uncovers it, you do have an obligation to cover it.

So in summary, in case one you **do not** need to recover the blood if the wind uncovers it. However, in case two you **do** need to recover the blood if the wind uncovers it. The question is, why in one case when the wind covers it do you have to recover it and in the other case you do not? What is the difference?