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 This mitzvah includes all of the halachos of Tumas Meis, and does not have a specific posuk we learn it from.

Today's *mitzvah* is the same one as yesterday:

When a *neshama* leaves a body, the body becomes *Tomei*. Someone who touches or is in the same house as the body gets some of this *Tumah* too, called *Tumas Meis*. Today's *mitzvah* is to follow all of the *halachos* about this *tumah*!

Rambam: Hilchos Tumas Meis

PEREK YUD-CHES

In today's Rambam, we learn more about how *Tumas Meis* can spread inside of a house.

One of the things the Rambam teaches is that "*Derech Hatumah Latzeis, Ve'ein Darka Lehikanes*" — *tumah* goes out of things, but doesn't come in. *Tumah* that is in a container, even if it is sealed shut, comes out and makes the whole house *tomei*. But if the house is *tomei*, things inside of a sealed container can stay *tahor*, because the *tumah* doesn't come in.

PEREK YUD-TES

In this *perek* we learn *halachos* about an unusual shaped *keili*, and how and when it passes on *tumah*.

PEREK CHOF

There are three ways to keep *Tumas Meis* from spreading to something under the same *ohel*:

- 1) If it is in a sealed container
- 2) If it is under an *Ohel* inside of the *Ohel*
- 3) If it was swallowed.

Swallowing something keeps *tumah* from spreading — something *tahor* that is swallowed stays *tahor* even if the person becomes *tomei*, and if something *tomei* is swallowed, the *tumah* is not able to spread.