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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 CHOF-ALEF

In today's Rambam we learn more about how a *keili* can keep things inside of it from becoming *tamei* from *Tumas Meis*.

Only a *keili* that isn't *tomei* itself can keep things inside of it from becoming *tamei*.

Most *keilim* can be used as an *Ohel*, a tent, to keep things underneath from becoming *tamei*. But a *keili* made of clay can't be used as an *Ohel*. If it is turned upside down and not sealed closed, things underneath or inside of it DO become *tamei*.

PEREK CHOF-BEIS

Keilim made of clay need to be sealed closed to keep things from being *tomei*. We learn what is considered sealed, and what kind of hole lets *tumah* in.

PEREK CHOF-GIMMEL

The *Chachomim* made a *takana* that even a sealed clay *keili* only keeps SOME things from becoming *tomei* — only things that can't be made *tahor* by putting them in a *mikvah*. Anything that COULD be dipped into a *mikvah* DOES become *tamei* with *Tumas Meis*, and a person needs to wait for seven days and only then make those things *tahor* again.