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 This mitzvah includes all of the halachos of how we take away the tumah of Tzoraas, and does not have a specific posuk we learn it from.

Today's *mitzvah* is how we make a person or a house with *Tzoraas tahor* again! It needs to be done the way the Torah tells us.


We need to use:

- a piece of wood from a cedar tree
- a piece of red wool
- a kind of plant called an *Eizov*
- two birds
- a bowl of water (the kind of water that we can use for a *Mikvah*)

For a person, this is only the first step, and they need to also do something else to become *tahor*, like we will learn tomorrow.

Together with the *mitzvos* we learned before, we now see that there are three ways a person can take away *tumah* from himself:

- 1) Going in a *mikvah* (this is for all kinds of *Tumah*)
- 2) The ashes of the *Parah Adumah* (for *Tumas Meis*)
- 3) Wood, wool, *Eizov*, birds, and water (for *Tumas Tzoraas*)

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: **Mesechta Nega'im**

Rambam: Hilchos Tumas Tzoraas

PEREK CHES

There is a kind of *Tzoraas* that comes on a part of the head or the chin where the hair fell off, called a *Nesek*. If there are gold-colored hairs there, or if the spot of *Tzoraas* grew, the person is *Tomei*.

PEREK TES

We learn WHO can check to see if *Tzoraas* is *Tomei* (only a *Kohen*, who knows the *halachos* or is listening to someone else who knows), WHEN to check (only certain times during the day, and not during *Yom Tov*, for example), and HOW he checks (how the person stands).

PEREK YUD

This *perek* tells us the *halachos* of not taking off signs of *tzoraas*. We also learn about how a *Metzora* can make other people *Tomei*, and the *halachos* of the *mitzvah* that show how a *Metzora* needs to act to make sure nobody becomes *Tomei* by mistake.