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

Today's *mitzvah* is that the 8 *sheratzim* (creepy-crawly animals) that are written in the Torah make things *tomei* when they die. The *mitzvah* is to follow all of the *dinim* that are explained in the Torah about this *tumah*.

Rambam: Hilchos Shaar Avos HaTumos

PEREK VOV

In today's Rambam, we learn about more things which bring *tumah*.

This *perek* teaches us about how *Avodah Zarah* is an *Av Hatumah* and can make other things *tomei*.

PEREK ZAYIN

Now we learn about how *tomei* food and drinks make things that they touch *tomei* too.

PEREK CHES

The Rambam explains about how hands are *tomei*, and that we need to make them *tahor* before eating from a *korban*. If a person didn't make their hands *tahor* first (by washing them or dipping them in a *Mikvah*), they make the food they touched *tomei*, and someone who eats the food can also become *tomei*.