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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 the same as yesterday's: To follow all of the *halachos* about becoming *tomei* from a *sheretz*.

## Rambam: Hilchos Shaar Avos HaTumos

### PEREK TES

*Mayim She'uvim*: People used to use dirty pools of water in caves as a *mikvah*. They would wash off the dirt using clean water afterwards. Some people started to think that the clean water WAS the *mikvah*, and didn't go to the *mikvah* properly. So the *Chachomim* made a *gezeira* that non-*mikvah* water makes a person *tomei*.

Another *gezeira* made by the *Chachomim* was that Torah scrolls we learn from should make *Terumah tomei*, and touching them should make a person *tomei*. This *gezeira* was to keep the scrolls safe! People used to keep their *Terumah* next to Torah scrolls, because they are both holy. Mice would come to nibble on the *Terumah*, and they would rip the *Sifrei Torah*! The *Chachomim* made this *gezeira* so people would stop keeping their *Terumah* near the Torah scrolls, and the scrolls would stay safe and not get torn.

### PEREK YUD

The Rambam explains the *tumah* of a "Tvul Yom" (someone who went to the *mikvah*, but won't be *Tahor* until night), and about different levels of *Tumah* for a person, *keilim*, and for food and drink.

### PEREK YUD-ALEF

We learn about three levels of *kedusha* in foods. There is *chulin*, which is regular food without any *kedusha*, *Terumah*, and *Kodesh*, like *korbanos*. We learn about the different levels of *tumah* in these different kinds of food.