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

Today's *mitzvah* is about another kind of *tumah*, called *Tumas Shichvas Zera*, a kind of liquid that makes things *tomei*. We need to follow the *halachos* about how someone becomes *tomei* from *Zera*, and how to become *tahor*.

Rambam: Hilchos Shaar Avos HaTumos

PEREK YUD-BEIS

In today's Rambam, we learn more about *Tumah* and *Tahara*.

First the Rambam explains how food that is *Kodesh* (like meat from *korbanos*) is much stricter with its *halachos* of *Tumah* and *Tahara* than *Terumah* is. There are eleven ways that *kodesh* is more strict than *Terumah*. Only one of these has a hint to it from the Torah, and it is found in the *pesukim* of the *Nasi* that we say now, in *Chodesh Nisan*!

PEREK YUD-GIMMEL

This *perek* speaks about different *gezeiros* which the *Chachomim* made about *tumah*. One place where the *Chachomim* did NOT make a *gezeira* is if someone finds a *Shechitah* knife in Yerushalayim on *Erev Pesach* — we say that you can use it to *shecht* a *korban*, and we are not afraid that it might be *tomei*!

PEREK YUD-DALED

Now the Rambam starts to teach us about the times when the *Chachomim* say that a case of a *sofek* (doubt) is considered *tahor*. Today we learn the first four of 12, and *IY"H* we will learn the rest in the first *perek* of tomorrow's Rambam.