

מִצְוַת
לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Emor: (ויקרא כא:א)

לִנְפֹשׁ לֹא יִטְמָא בְּעַמִּי

Today's *mitzvah* is the same as yesterday — that a *kohen* is not allowed to become *tomei* for people who pass away, except for certain people in his family.

Rambam: Hilchos Aveil

PEREK YUD-BEIS

This *perek* speaks more about *Kavod Hameis*, showing *kavod* for a person who passed away.

One thing we learn is that if someone cries when he hears that another Yid passed away, it is very precious to Hashem.

PEREK YUD-GIMMEL

This *perek* teaches us how a person is supposed to be *Menachem Avel*, to comfort a person whose relative passed away.

PEREK YUD-DALED

We learn many *mitzvos* that are part of *Ahavas Yisroel* — like *Bikur Cholim*, *Hachnosas Kallah*, and *Hachnosas Orchim*.

We learn that we should do *Bikur Cholim* even for a *goy*, so that there will be *shalom*.

The Rambam did this too! The Rambam used to work at the palace of the Sultan all day. When he came home, he would be very hungry and tired. But he would see many *Yidden* and *goyim* gathered around, waiting for someone to help them. The Rambam would take care of them, giving them medicine and helping them feel better until very late. When he would finally come home, he was all wiped out!

We can learn from the Rambam to help other people even if it is very hard.