

## TOUCHING THE CORPSE OF A DEAD PERSON

NUM. 19:11 (11-22)

**Num. 19:11** *"The one who touches the corpse of any person shall be unclean for seven days."*



This verse and the continuing verses up to verse twenty two are all describing what was done in the days of the Temple. Basically it was about separating the death of a loved one from the life associated with the Temple. The Temple was always to be associated with life, so people were never to mix the death of a person with the subject of life associated with the temple. These rules were set in place at the time of the temple and the red heifer ashes only. We have no temple today, so these rules no longer apply. Today the Jews still mourn for seven days after the death of a person. That is where they get this tradition from.

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