

Impurity in Space of Earthenware Vessel

Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Tumat Kelim, Chapter 14*

Sealed container within earthenware vessel	Impart / Contract impurity to inner space of earthenware vessel
Sealed container containing foods inside impure earthenware	× (sealed container stays pure)
Sealed container containing dead <i>sheretz</i>	✓ Here sealed container transmits impurity to earthenware container
Impure object within a brick or piece of wood	✓ although hidden, it imparts impurity to earthenware container
Live animal having swallowed a dead <i>sheretz</i>	× Live animal prevents impurity from passing into earthenware container
Dead rooster (say) having swallowed a dead <i>sheretz</i> (The rooster itself does not transmit impurity)	✓ Dead animal does not prevent impure object transmitting its impurity
Impure entities in a person's mouth or body folds	✓
Sponge with impure liquids even though outside of the sponge is dry	✓ I.e. sponge within earthenware vessel would transmit its impurity
A container with impurity where the edge of the impure container extends outside the earthenware container	×
If lowered container was made for foods and has hole size big enough that an olive can fall out, or if it was made to contain liquids and it had a crack big enough to allow liquids to seep in when the container is placed in them.	✓ Now impurity can enter or leave, even if hole is subsequently sealed
Handkerchief (i.e. not a vessel) with an impurity on it, partly lowered into earthenware vessel)	✓ This does not offer protection because it does not have the shape of a vessel