

## Mourning of a Kohen

Ref: *Sefer Shoftim, Hilchot Evel, Chapter 2*

📖 | A *Kohen* should not become *tamei* because of a corpse except for his close relatives<sup>2</sup>.

### 🔔 Reminder:

Pack on Impurity – Essential Overviews  
Pack on Impurity of Tent  
Pack on Priests



	Mourning / Becoming impure	Explanation
Ritually pure Priest	✓	Priest has to become impure to bury his close relatives i.e. mother, father son, daughter, brother, sister, paternal brother and sister
Ritually pure Priest for his wife	✓	📖 <i>Derabanan</i> has to become impure for wife's burial
Can Priest become impure for relative after burial?	✗	
Married Paternal sister of Priest	✗	Her husband will bury her. Does not become impure but does mourn for her. Similarly with his maternal brother and sister.
Becomes impure for maternal brother or maternal sister	✗	Linked to inheritance i.e. same law
Doubtful cases involving Priest	✗	Priest does not make himself impure
Priest, where relative body is not intact (i.e. majority including head)	✗	Does not become impure
If impure from relative anyway, can Priest involve himself with other deceased?	✗	At cemetery Priest section near edge of cemetery, so that he will not have to come in contact with other graves.

CORPSE IMPURITY OF PRIESTS CONTINUED.

If a Priest is warned not to become impure from a corpse i.e. through witnesses, and he disobeys, he is punishable by *malkot*.

This includes touching a grave, or entering a covered structure containing a corpse.

### 🔔 Reminder:

Impurity from a human body (Parts of a Corpse)  
Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Tumat Met, Chapter 2*





*Kohen Gadol* (High Priest) may not become impure because of his close relatives.<sup>3</sup>

He may not enter under the same shelter as a corpse.<sup>4</sup>

 **Reminder:**

Pack on Priests



A High Priest may not become *tamei* even for his relatives.



However, when a *Kohen*, even a *Kohen Gadol*, encounters an unattended corpse on the roadside, he is obligated to become *tamei* for its sake. – *Mipi Hakabalah*.

Women from family of *Kohanim* are not liable for corpse impurity.



*Derabanan*, the 4 *amot* around a corpse cause impurity and if a *Kohen* enters this area he receives *makat mardut*. Similarly entering *bet hapras*, Diaspora etc are *Derabanan*.