







Summary of Av Hatuma in General





Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Shear Avot Hatuma, Chapter 6*

 <i>Av Hatumah Deoraita</i> <i>That which contracts becomes vlad hatumah (rishon)</i>	 <i>Av tumah Derabanan</i> <i>That which contracts becomes vlad tumah (rishon)</i>
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IF IMPARTS IMPURITY THROUGH TOUCH ALONE




Imparts impurity to his clothes (even while touching source)	x	 x
Imparts impurity to people (even while touching source)	x	 x
Imparts impurity to earthenware vessel (even while touching source)	x	 x
Imparts impurity to foods. Foods become <i>sheni letumah</i>	✓	 ✓

IF IMPARTS IMPURITY THROUGH TOUCH AND CARRIAGE

Imparts impurity to clothes (at time of touching or carrying) Garments become <i>rishon</i>	✓	 ✓
Imparts impurity to foods (at time of touching or carrying) Foods become <i>rishon</i>	✓	 ✓
Imparts impurity to clothes (when ceases touching or carrying)	x	 x
Imparts impurity to foods (when ceases touching or carrying) Foods become <i>sheni</i>	✓	 ✓

Exceptions *Nevelah* (animal corpse) and *Merkav* (surface on which zav lies)

IF IMPARTS IMPURITY THROUGH TOUCH AND CARRIAGE (*NEVELAH* AND *MERKAV*)

Imparts impurity to clothes (at time of touching) Garments become <i>rishon</i>	x	 x <i>Nevelah</i> or <i>Merkav</i> do not impart impurity to their clothes when touching source
Imparts impurity to foods (at time of touching or carrying) Foods become <i>rishon</i>	✓	 ✓
Imparts impurity to clothes (at time of carrying)	✓	 ✓ <i>Nevelah</i> or <i>Merkav</i> do impart to clothes when carrying the source
Imparts impurity to foods (when ceases touching or carrying) Foods become <i>sheni</i>	✓	✓

With some of the other *avot hatumah*, if it is impossible to touch item without moving it,

even though they fall in same category of *nevelah* exception, here the exception would not apply. E.g. *mei nidah* (water of *Parah Adumah*) – water cannot be touched without moving it.

Carcass of fowl while being swallowed imparts impurity to clothes. Similarly, it imparts impurity to food at that time and they become *rishon*.

After swallowing he becomes *rishon*, clothes he wears no longer become impure, and food he touches becomes *sheni*.

The following also impart impurity to clothes while performing their task:

- All those burning Red Heifer
- Those burning goats
- One who sends away the goat of *Azazel*

However, foods they touch while performing their tasks are only *sheni letumah* (second).

Reminder

Pack on Impurity of Clothes

