TUM'A: CEMETERY

Tum'a above Cemetery

Ritual impurity from a cemetery goes up to the sky, so a *cohen* should not fly over a cemetery.

Tum'a within Cemetery

Ritual impurity (*tum'a*) in a cemetery comes from being within 4 *amot (*7 feet) of a grave. This is horizontal distance, regardless of how deep the body is buried.

NOTE A *cohen* may be in a cemetery as long as he does not get closer than 4 *amot* (7 feet) to any grave and he does not stand under any tree which extends over a grave.

Cemetery Blessings

Once inside a cemetery, after not having been in one for at least 30 days, say:

Baruch ata *adonai* eloheinu melech ha'olam

asher yatzar etchem ba'din, v'zan v'chilkeil etchem ba'din,

v'heimit etchem ba'din, v'yodei'a mispar kulchem ba'din,

v'hu atid l'hachazir u'lhachayot etchem ba'din.

Baruch ata *adonai* mechayeh ha'meitim.

Then say Ata gibor l'olam adonai (the 2nd paragraph of the *amida*) to the end of the paragraph. Omit the blessing at the end as well as mashiv ha'ruach and morid ha'tal.

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