

# Outline of the *Taharah* Procedure and Liturgy

Based on the book *Chesed Shel Emet*, Third Edition

## Pre-*taharah* activities (outside of the *taharah* room)

- \* Assign roles, etc.
- \* Learn about the *met/metah*:
  - Determine Hebrew name and whether *tallit* will be used
  - Obtain information about condition of the *met/metah*
- \* (Optional) Recite opening *kavanah* before entering the *taharah* room

## A. Opening Prayers

- \* Wash hands, put on gloves and gowns
- \* Recite as a full group opening **MECHILAH**
- \* Recite **CHAMOL**
- \* Recite **ANA ELOHEI HACHESED**

## B. *Rechitzah* (Physical washing)

- \* Prepare small buckets (warm water), cloths, etc. for washing
- \* Remove sheet, cover genitals with cloth
- \* Recite **VAYA'AN VAYOMER**
- \* Recite **ROSHO KETEM PAZ** or **HINACH YAFAH** while doing physical washing
- \* When done, dry *met/metah* and table, cover *met/metah*, and remove gloves

## C. *Taharah* (Spiritual washing)

- \* Wash hands, put on new gloves, prepare buckets, and immerse and place boards
- \* Recite **AMAR RABBI AKIVA**
- \* Simultaneously:
  - Recite **TAHOR HU** or **T'HORAH HI**
  - Pour water over *met/metah*
- \* Recite **V'HITKADASHEM**
- \* Remove boards
- \* Dry *met/metah*, table, and boards
- \* Cover *met/metah*

## D. *Halbashah* (Dressing in *tachrichim*) and *Halana* (Placement in the *aron*)

- \* Recite **SOS ASIS**
- \* Prepare *tachrichim*
- \* Simultaneously:
  - Recite **K'TONET BAD KODESH YILBASH**, etc.
  - Dress *met/metah* in *tachrichim*
- \* Sprinkle *afar* in the *aron*
- \* Place *sovev* (and *tallit*, if used) in *aron*
- \* Place *met/metah* in *aron*
- \* Recite **V'LO YAVO'U**
- \* Place shards on eyelids (optional) and *afar* on eyes, heart, genitals
- \* Recite **V'CHIPER ADMATO**
- \* Wrap *tallit* and *sovev*; add any extra items

## E. Concluding Prayers

- \* Recite **HINEIH MITATO**
- \* Recite closing **MECHILAH** as a full group
- \* Close *aron* and place unlit candle
- \* Recite **UVINSO'A** as *aron* is moved
- \* Light *yahrzeit* candle

## Post-*taharah* activities

- \* Clean *taharah* room and check supplies
- \* Outside the *taharah* room:
  - Wash hands
  - (Optional) Debrief and recite closing prayers