

Outline of the *Taharah* Procedure and Liturgy

<Page references and the numbering of “Actions” and “Prayers” are based on the book *Chesed Shel Emet*, Third Edition.>

Pre-*taharah* activities (outside of the *taharah* room): Chapter 3

- * 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: Chapter 5

- Action 1:** Wash hands, put on gloves and gowns (p. 19)
- Action 2:** Recite as a full group opening **MECHILAH** (Prayer I, pp. 19-20)
- Action 3:** Recite **CHAMOL** (Prayer II, pp. 20-24 for a male; pp. 20-21, 24-26 for a female)
- Action 4:** Recite **ANA ELOHEI HACHESED** (Prayer III, pp. 28-30 for a male; pp. 28-29, 30-31 for a female)

B. *Rechitzah* (Physical washing): Chapter 6

- Action 1:** Prepare small buckets (warm water), cloths, etc. for washing (p. 36)
- Action 2:** Remove sheet, cover genitals with cloth (p. 36)
- Action 3:** Recite **VAYA'AN VAYOMER** (Prayer IV, pp. 36-37)
- Action 4:** Simultaneously: (pp. 38-40 for a male; pp. 38-39, 40-41 for a female)
 - * Recite **ROSHO KETEM PAZ** or **HINACH YAFAH** (Prayer V)
 - * Do physical washingWhen done, dry *met/metah* and table, cover *met/metah*, and remove gloves

C. *Taharah* (Spiritual washing): Chapter 7

- Action 1:** Wash hands, put on new gloves, prepare buckets, and immerse and place boards (p. 45)
- Action 2:** Recite **AMAR RABBI AKIVA** (Prayer VI, pp. 46-48)
- Action 3:** Simultaneously: (pp. 49-50)
 - * Recite **TAHOR HU** or **T'HORAH HI** (Prayer VII)
 - * Pour water over *met/metah*
- Action 4:** Recite **V'HITKADASHTEM** (Prayer VIII, pp. 50-51)
- Action 5:** (p. 51)
 - * Remove boards
 - * Dry *met/metah*, table, and boards
 - * Cover *met/metah*

D. *Halbashah* (Dressing in *tachrichim*) and *Halanah* (Placement in the *aron*): Chapter 8

- Action 1:** Recite **SOS ASIS** (Prayer IX, pp. 53-55)
- Action 2:** Prepare *tachrichim* (pp. 56-57)
- Action 3:** Simultaneously: (pp. 58-61)
 - * Recite **K'TONET BAD KODESH YILBASH, etc.** (Prayer X)
 - * Dress *met/metah* in *tachrichim*
- Action 4:** (p. 62)
 - * Sprinkle *afar* in the *aron*
 - * Place *sovev* (and *tallit*, if used) in *aron*
 - * Place *met/metah* in *aron*
 - * Recite **V'LO YAVO'U** (Prayer XI)
- Action 5:** (pp. 63-64)
 - * Place shards on eyelids (optional) and *afar* on eyes, heart, genitals
 - * Recite **V'CHIPER ADMATO** (Prayer XII)
- Action 6:** Wrap *tallit* and *sovev*; add any extra items (pp. 64-65)

E. Concluding Prayers: Chapter 9

- Action 1:** Recite **HINEIH MITATO** (Prayer XIII, pp. 67, 69, 70-71)
- Action 2:** Recite as a full group closing **MECHILAH** (Prayer XIV, pp. 71-72)
- Action 3:** Close *aron* and place unlit candle (p. 72)
- Action 4:** As *aron* is moved, recite **UVINSO'A** (Prayer XV, pp. 72-74)
- Action 5:** Light *yahrzeit* candle (p. 75)

Post-*taharah* activities: Chapter 10

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