

TAHARA

No Tahara

A dead body that bleeds a lot, such as after being shot or in a car crash, does not get purification (tahara) by water.

Three Buckets of Water

A ritual purification is performed (“tahara”) by pouring three buckets of water over the body: The body is stood up and water is poured from the head over the body. The subsequent buckets are poured before the previous ones are empty, so that the water from the subsequent bucket overlaps the water from the previous one.

Psukim

Certain lines from the Torah (psukim) are said during the purification.