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Kitzur Hilchos Yerushalmi – Halacha derived from Gemara Yerushalmi

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Conduct in the bath house.

It is permitted to think about Torah in the restroom.

Tumeh Tahara

Minhag Galilee was for one who has keri tumeh must immerse in a mikveh before his next intercourse. The Babylonian practice was to immerse before learning Torah. *Editor's note: the simpleton masses that did not learn all the time only had to immerse for intercourse in Eretz Yisroel.*

Men and women with zav discharge, blood, menstruation, and post childbirth can study Torah without mikveh. One who remembers he has keri tumeh in middle of the Amidah need not shorten his prayers. *Editor's note: This stringencies from Bavel (Torah) and the Galilee (intercourse) no longer apply these days, as we are no generally careful about Tumeh and Tehara. Certainly, one may be strict with him or herself. These rules also only apply when the keris is still wet.*

If a person is in the mikveh and the time to recite Shmea comes his way and there is no time to come out and recite then he should cover himself with water (his lower half to be in the water) and recite. Otherwise, he should come out, dress, and recite. If a woman needs to say a bracha in the mikveh she also covers her lower half with water and recites. This water should be opaque (cloudy not dirty). If very clear then he should stir the water.

A box of Torah scrolls or holy books should not be placed under a bed unless the bed is ten tefachim and the mattress does not touch the box.

Shema

One should remove himself four amos from excrement and very bad smells before reciting shema, Torah, or biblically required brochos. One also moves away from urine if it is puddled and undiluted. *Editor's note: a partition acts like four amos. However, initially, one should remove himself from the smell.*

Taharas mishpacha

One may not have intercourse where there is a Torah scroll in the room. It is permitted if it was covered or wrapped, or behind a window ten tefachim off the ground.