# **TUM'A: NAILS**

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### **TUM'A: NAIL CLIPPING: TIMING**

### **Fingernails and Toenails on Same Day**

Don't cut fingernails and toenails on the same day.

**REASON**That is done for dead people.**EXCEPTION**The only major exception is women before they go to the *mikva*.

## **TUM'A: NAIL CLIPPING: ORDER**

### **Cutting Fingernails and Toenails in Special Order**

You do not need to cut toenails or fingernails in a special order or out of order unless you have a custom to do so.

## TUM'A: NAIL CLIPPING: DISPOSAL

### Tum'a: Putting Nail Clippings Down Toilet or Drain

Nail clippings, even from children and non-Jews, have <u>*ru'ach ra'a*</u> and need to be disposed of. The simplest way is to flush them down a toilet or wash them down a drain (but don't put them into the garbage).

NOTE Hair may be disposed of by throwing it into a garbage can.

### **Tum'a: Burning Nail Clippings**

Burning nail clippings is OK (but it has *kabbalistic* complications and is bad for the person from whom the nails were clipped).

#### **Tum'a: Burying Nail Clippings**

Burying nail clippings is OK but only if they will not become uncovered later. Clippings are particularly bad for pregnant women to step on or over.

#### Tum'a: Nail Clipping: Washing Afterward

Wash your hands using the *One-Time Method* after cutting (or having someone cut) your nails (or hair).

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