

ASHER YATZAR

Asher Yatzar: Minimum

The minimum amount to urinate or defecate and be able to say asher yatzar is any quantity (kolshehu).

Asher Yatzar: Timing

If you did not say asher yatzar immediately after finishing, you may still say the blessing until the next time you feel the need to urinate or defecate.

Asher Yatzar with No Water

Say asher yatzar, even when you cannot wash your hands, such as when you do not have any water with you.

NOTE In any case, your hands must be clean; if they are not, you must wipe them off on something before saying the blessing.

Asher Yatzar: Saying for Someone Else

You may say asher yatzar for someone else if you need to say it also.

Asher Yatzar or After-Blessing

If you are eating and stopped to use the toilet, you may say either asher yatzar or the after-blessing on the food first.

Asher Yatzar Underwater

After urinating while scuba diving, say asher yatzar. The water is sufficient as a head covering or, better, you may cover your head with your wetsuit sleeve.