TUM'A: NAIL CLIPPING

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 *ru'ach ra'a* 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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