WHAT REMOVES TUM'A

Minimum Amount of Water To Remove Tum'a

The minimum amount of water to remove *tum'a* (ritual impurity) is 3.3 fl. oz. (99 ml, or 1 *revi'it)* total, for both hands.

NOTE By starting with at least one *revi'it* per hand when washing, we avoid problems of transferring *tum'a* to other people or utensils. If you start with only one *revi'it* and pour enough to cover each hand from that single *revi'it*, you will remove the *tum'a* from your hands, but the water that remains on your hands will still be *tamei*. If you then touch a washing cup, the *tamei* water will remain on the cup and be transferred to the person who touches it next. It is recommended to use at least one *revi'it* per hand to avoid such problems.

Tum'a and Snow

Snow removes *tum'a* but requires 480 *se'ah* of snow. This is easily achieved by plunging your hands into a field or yard full of snow!

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