

# HALACHOS HATZRICHOS

PACKET #32



## NETILAS YODAYIM

One *halacha* about *Netilas Yodayim* is that we need to use A LOT of water, to make sure that it reaches every part of your hand. R' Chisda said that he used a lot of water, and because of this he received a lot of *bracha*!

(There are also *halachos* about exactly how to hold our hands, to make sure the water can reach every part of our hands properly.)



# NETILAS YODAYIM

When we wash our hands before eating bread, it is very important to make sure that our entire hand is covered with water.

So besides for using a lot of water, we hold our hands pointing upwards a little bit. This helps make sure that the water can reach our fingertips, and between all of our fingers.

*Seder Netilas Yodayim of the Alter Rebbe, se'if alef*



# NETILAS YODAYIM

After we wash our hands well, so that the water covers our entire hands, we lift our hands up, as high as our heart, and make the *bracha*. (By *Netilas Yodayim* in the morning, we lift our hands up as high as our *peyos*.)

Afterwards, we do “*shifshuf*,” which we will learn about tomorrow *IY”H*.

*See Seder Netilas Yodayim L’Seudah se’if daled*



## NETILAS YODAYIM

After carefully washing our hands with plenty of water, making sure it reached every part of our hands, we hold a little bit of water in our hands and go on to the next part of *Netilas Yodayim*. We hold our hands up to our heart, and make the *bracha*. Then we rub our hands together with the little bit of water that is left. This is called “*shifshuf*.”

*Shifshuf* is part of the *mitzvah* of *Netilas Yodayim*, to make our hands extra *tahor*.

Usually, we say a *bracha* BEFORE doing a *mitzvah*, but the *Chachomim* didn't want us to make a *bracha* right before our hands are *tahor*. Instead, we say the *bracha* afterwards. But we say the *bracha* before doing *shifshuf*, so that the *bracha* is still before PART of the *mitzvah*.

*Seder Netilas Yodayim L'seudah, se'if daled*



# RIGHT HAND FIRST

When we wash *Netilas Yodayim*, we first pour water over our right hand. To do this, we need to hold the *kvort* with our left hand.

Based on Kabbalah, we are ALWAYS careful to start with our right. So even with HOLDING the *kvort*, we first pick it up with our right hand, before passing it to our left.

*See Seder Netilas Yodayim L'Seudah, se'if hey*

