

Parah Adumah - Water

Ref: *Sefer Taharah, Hilchot Parah Adumah, Chapter 6*

Special water is mixed with the ashes of the *Parah adumah*. Once they are mixed, the water is called *Mei Chatat* or *Mayim Mekudashin* (sanctified waters) or *Mei Nidah* (sprinkling water).

Mei Chatat / Mayim Mekudashin / Mei Nidah

	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Everyone may draw (except <i>cheresh</i> , <i>shoteh</i> , and <i>katan</i>)	✓	
Drawn from <i>maayan</i> spring or flowing river	✓	
Drawn only with a vessel	✓	
Sprinkle only from a vessel	✓	
Drawing day or night	✓	
Sprinkle only in day	✓	
All vessels made by man	✓	
Pieces of vessels		✓
Splashing water from spring into vessel		✓ (must be drawn directly with a utensil)
The Great Sea (Mediterranean) considered as a <i>mikveh</i>		✓
Waters flowing as stream from a spring	✓	
<i>Mayim Hamukin</i> (spoiled springs) i.e. salty or hot springs		✓
<i>Mayim Hamechazvin</i> (lying waters) i.e. springs which sometimes flow and sometimes dry up. i.e. run dry in less than 7 years		✓
<i>Mei Bizim</i> (swamps)		✓
<i>Mei Hataarovot</i> (mixed waters) Fit water mixed with unfit		✓
Flow of rainwater mixing with spring – wait until spring water becomes clear again	✓	