



Mishna Brurah Part A - by Harav Arye Wasserman

Mishna Brurah Siman 7 Seif 1 – Until when can we say *asher yatzar*

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The Shulchan Aruch in Siman says that every time we go to the bathroom, there is a *chiyuv* to say the brocha of *asher yatzar*. The MB says at the end of the Siman that *lechatchila* one should say the brocha immediately upon using the bathroom once we wash our hands, but one should wait later on to wash one's hands. The question is later on in the day if one did not say the brocha immediately, until when can we still say the brocha of *asher yatzar*.

The MB seif katan 1 says: "ואפילו אם נמשך זמן גדול" even if one waited a long time after going to the bathroom, there is still a *chiyuv* to say *asher yatzar*. If it goes all the way up to the time that one has a need again, the MB brings a *machlokes*, according to the Pri Megadim, one should say *asher yatzar* prior to going to the bathroom, go the bathroom the second time and then say another *asher yatzar* after going to the bathroom. However, the Sha'arei Tshuva brings a number of opinions in the Achronim, that once someone has the urge to go to the bathroom again, he can no longer say *asher yatzar* on the prior going, even if it's not an urgent urge, but one lost the opportunity to say *asher yatzar* on the prior use of the bathroom. This is how we *pasken* for Ashkenazim, we should say *lechatchila asher yatzar* immediately, if we don't we can say it all the way until we have the urge to go to the bathroom again. If we didn't say *asher yatzar* by then, we should go to the bathroom and say only one *asher yatzar*. It's brought by the Kaf Hachayim and the Ben Ish Chai that the Bnei Sfarad would be able to say *asher yatzar* up until half an hour after use of the bathroom, after that time even if they don't have the urge to go to the bathroom, it would be too late, and they should say only once.

The MB says *lechatchila* one should say *asher yatzar* right after going to the bathroom.