

AGGIELAND

Jewish Family Life Center

A MIKVAH EDUCATIONAL SPACE

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS





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BEFORE:

- 15 STUDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO THIS FUNDAMENTAL MITZVAH EACH YEAR.
- JEWISH WOMEN
 REQUIRE GREAT
 SACRIFICE TO KEEP
 THIS MITZVAH.



AGGIELAND IS HOME
TO THE LARGEST
UNIVERSITY IN
THE USA, LOCATED IN
COLLEGE STATION,
TEXAS.

JEWISH WOMEN WHO
LIVE IN THE REGION
HAVE DIFFICULTY
ADOPTING THIS MITZVAH
IN THEIR MARRIAGE.

CURRENTLY, THE
CLOSEST MIKVAH IS A
4 HOUR DRIVE FROM
OUR CITY.



AFTER:

- 150 STUDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO THIS FUNDAMENTAL MITZVAH EACH YEAR.
- JEWISH WOMEN CAN KEEP THIS MITZVAH WITH EASE.

BEFORE:

 4 WOMEN TRAVEL 200 MILES, A 4 HOUR DRIVE, TO GET TO THE MIKVAH EACH MONTH.



OVER 225,000 AND GROWING.

AS THE CITY GROWS, SO DOES THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

BUILDING A MIKVAH
IN OUR CITY
WILL ENABLE US TO
EDUCATE THOUSANDS OF
YOUNG JEWS
ABOUT MIKVAH.





- TRAVELING TO THE MIKVAH IN OUR CITY TAKES MINUTES.
- 20 MONTHLY USERS
 ARE EXPECTED TO
 ADOPT THIS MITZVAH.





The Jewish Family Life Center is...

A SPACE FOR ETHAN TO LEARN ABOUT JEWISH MARRIAGE.

A SPACE FOR TALIA TO LEARN ABOUT MIKVAH.

A SPACE FOR SAM TO LEARN ABOUT JEWISH PARENTING.

A SPACE FOR SARAH TO TAKE WEEKLY
TORAH CLASSES.

A SPACE FOR YAEL TO IMMERSE IN PRIVACY AND SERENITY WITH EASE.

Build this Space Today!



WHY WE NEED A MIKVAH TODAY

EDUCATING FUTURE GENERATIONS

"When I toured a mikvah for the first time in college, I was surprised and awed by how beautiful this mitzvah was. I made the decision to follow the laws of family purity myself."



I LEARNED ABOUT MIKVAH WITH MANYA WHILE IN COLLEGE AND DECIDED THIS WAS A MITZVAH I WANTED IN MY MARRIAGE.

I GOT MARRIED IN JUNE 2022 AND NOW LIVE IN COLLEGE STATION WITH MY HUSBAND, ETHAN.

ALREADY IT'S BEEN PROVEN DIFFICULT, AS WE DON'T GET BACK TO COLLEGE STATION UNTIL AFTER 11 PM, AND MY HUSBAND HAS TO GET UP EARLY FOR WORK. DRIVING AT NIGHT MAKES ME NERVOUS. MY HUSBAND HAS TO GO WITH ME. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HAVING TO GO TO MIKVAH WITH CHILDREN!

I AM COMMITTED TO THIS MITZVAH, BUT I COULD SEE
THE LONG DRIVE BEING AN OBSTACLE FOR WOMEN
KEEPING OR TAKING ON THE
MITZVAH OF MIKVAH.

-SAMANTHA OLIVE





WHY WE NEED A MIKVAH TODAY

GOING TO MIKVAH SHOULDN'T CAUSE ANXIETY

"Driving to another city in a different community was overwhelming."



GOING TO MIKVAH IS DEEPLY PERSONAL. DRIVING TO ANOTHER CITY IN A DIFFERENT COMMUNITY WAS OVERWHELMING. I WOULD ALWAYS BE NERVOUS AND STRESSED ABOUT HAVING TO DRIVE LATE AT NIGHT TO AN AREA I WASN'T FAMILIAR WITH. MIKVAH SHOULDN'T CAUSE SO MUCH ANXIETY. IT SHOULD BE PART OF OUR EVERYDAY LIFE WITH WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE KNOW AND LOVE. IT SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE. IT SHOULD BE OURS.

PERSONALLY, MIKVAH HELPED ME CONNECT ON A
DIFFERENT LEVEL WITH MY HUSBAND AND FULFILL A
MITZVAH THAT IS BOTH BEAUTIFUL AND EMOTIONAL.
EVERY WOMAN IN EVERY COMMUNITY
SHOULD HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

- LINDSEY GUINDI





WHY WE NEED A MIKVAH TODAY

MIKVAH USERS SHARE THEIR STORY

"The travel distance creates obstacles that make me feel like I should give up."

BEFORE MOVING TO COLLEGE STATION, I
CONTACTED CHABAD TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS A
MIKVAH. UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS INFORMED THAT
THE CLOSEST MIKVAH IS IN HOUSTON, ALMOST

WITH THE HELP AND GUIDANCE OF MANYA, I
FOUND A WAY TO TRAVEL MONTHLY. I HAD TO
PLAN MY TRIPS AND SOMETIMES STAY THE NIGHT
IN HOUSTON, AS THOSE DRIVES ALONE AT NIGHT
CAN BE SCARY AND DANGEROUS. IT HAS BEEN A
STRUGGLE FOR ME TO KEEP THE MITZVAH. THE
TRAVEL DISTANCE CREATES OBSTACLES THAT MAKE
ME FEEL LIKE I SHOULD GIVE UP.

TWO HOURS DRIVE EACH WAY.

BUILDING A MIKVAH IN COLLEGE STATION WILL
MAKE IT EASIER TO KEEP THIS MITZVAH. WHEN
BUILT, I'M SURE OTHER WOMEN FROM OUR
COMMUNITY WILL TAKE ON THIS MITZVAH AS WELL.

- YAELLE AVNAIM



In College I Toured a Mikvah...

MEET TALIA

IN MY FIVE YEARS OF LEARNING AND GROWING FROM CHABAD AND THE LAZAROFFS AT TEXAS A&M, I WAS ABLE TO VISIBLY SEE THE IMPACT THAT MIKVAH HAS ON MY LIFE. AFTER LEARNING TAHARAS HAMISHPACHA WITH MANYA, I DEVELOPED MY OWN SPECIAL CONNECTION WITH THE MITZVAH, WHICH NOW TANGIBLY BRINGS BLESSINGS TO MYSELF AND MY MARRIAGE.

MY FAMILY, TOO, WAS AFFECTED BY MY JOURNEY. MY MOTHER STARTED KEEPING SHABBOS, DRESSING TZNIUS, GOING TO MIKVAH, AND RECENTLY COVERING HER HAIR. SHE IS CURRENTLY ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO BUILD A MIKVAH IN CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE COMING MONTHS. SHE ALSO SIGNED UP FOR MIKVAH ATTENDANT TRAINING TO HELP OTHERS FULFILL THIS SPECIAL MITZVAH AS WELL.

MY SISTER WAS ALSO DEEPLY AFFECTED THROUGH OUR FAMILY JOURNEY. SHE MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT WHEN SHE GOT MARRIED A YEAR AGO, AT ONLY 18 YEARS OLD, THAT MIKVAH WOULD BE A VALUE IN HER MARRIAGE. BEFORE HER WEDDING, SHE TOO LEARNED TAHARAS HAMISHPACHA FROM HER LOCAL SHLUCHA.

THE POWER OF A MIKVAH EDUCATION

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JEWISH COUPLES SINCE 2007.

OVER 75%
OF OUR JEWISH STUDENTS
HAVE BEEN EXPOSED
TO THIS MITZVAH.

MANY KEEP IT TODAY.

In College I Toured a Mikvah...

MEET CHLOE

AS A SOPHOMORE IN COLLEGE, I HAD TAKEN SINAI SCHOLARS AND LEARNED ABOUT MIKVAH FOR THE FIRST TIME. I REMEMBER THINKING THAT IT WAS BEAUTIFUL FOR "THEM" BUT CERTAINLY NOT REALISTIC FOR ME.

TWO YEARS LATER, I ATTENDED A MIKVAH CLASS AND TOUR WITH MANYA LAZAROFF. THE WAY SHE EXPLAINED THE POWERFULLY DIVINE CONCEPT OF MIKVAH, ALONG WITH THE MOVING TOUR, TRULY TRANSFORMED MY OUTLOOK ON MARRIAGE AND INTIMACY. RIGHT THERE AT THE MIKVAH TOUR, THOUGH NOT OBSERVANT AND UNSURE OF HOW I WOULD MAKE THIS MY FUTURE, I PROMISED MYSELF THAT I WOULD ONLY DATE A MAN WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE OUR MARRIAGE HOLY THROUGH TAHARAS MISHPACHA.

EIGHT YEARS LATER, MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE K"H THREE CHILDREN WHO WERE BORN IN PURITY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS ON BOTH SIDES OF OUR FAMILY. THE REBBE'S VISION TO TEACH TAHARAS MISHPACHA, ALONG WITH THE INSPIRATION OF THE LAZAROFFS, CHANGED OUR LIVES, THREE WHOLE WORLDS, AND THE WORLD AT LARGE.



"I promised myself that I would only date a man who would be willing to make our marriage holy through Taharas Mishpacha."

THE POWER OF A MIKVAH EDUCATION

















































EVERY COUPLE HAS A STORY. Every story is a link for our people.

What is a Mikvah?

THE MIKVAH OFFERS THE INDIVIDUAL, THE COMMUNITY AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL THE REMARKABLE GIFT OF PURITY AND HOLINESS.

THE MIKVAH OFFERS THE INDIVIDUAL, THE COMMUNITY AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL THE REMARKABLE GIFT OF **PURITY AND HOLINESS, NO** OTHER RELIGIOUS **ESTABLISHMENT, STRUCTURE** OR RITE CAN AFFECT THE JEW IN THIS WAY AND, INDEED, ON SUCH AN ESSENTIAL LEVEL. ITS EXTRAORDINARY POWER, **HOWEVER, IS CONTINGENT ON** ITS CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NUMEROUS AND COMPLEX SPECIFICATIONS AS OUTLINED IN HALACHAH, JEWISH LAW.



A MIKVAH MUST BE BUILT INTO THE GROUND OR BUILT AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF A BUILDING. THE MIKVAH MUST CONTAIN A MINIMUM OF 200 GALLONS OF RAINWATER THAT WAS GATHERED AND SIPHONED INTO THE MIKVAH POOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A HIGHLY SPECIFIC SET OF REGULATIONS.

THE CASUAL OBSERVER WILL OFTEN SEE ONLY ONE POOL; THE ONE USED FOR IMMERSION. IN REALITY, MOST MIKVAHS ARE COMPRISED OF TWO. SOMETIMES THREE, ATTACHED POOLS, WHILE THE **ACCUMULATED RAINWATER IS KEPT IN A LOWER** POOL. THE UPPER IMMERSION POOL IS DRAINED AND REFILLED REGULARLY WITH TAP WATER. CONNECTED VIA A HOLE OF AT LEAST TWO INCHES IN DIAMETER ON THE BOTTOM OF THE UPPER POOL. THE FREE FLOW, OR "KISSING," OF WATERS BETWEEN THE TWO POOLS MAKES THE WATERS OF THE IMMERSION POOL AN EXTENSION OF THE NATURAL RAINWATER, THUS CONFERRING UPON THE IMMERSION POOL THE LEGAL STATUS OF A MIKVAH, AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD INVOLVES SIDE-BY-SIDE POOLS WHICH SHARE A COMMON WALL THAT HAS A HOLE IN IT. MODERN-DAY MIKVAH **POOLS ARE EQUIPPED WITH FILTRATION AND** WATER-PURIFICATION SYSTEMS.

The Centrality of Mikvah

THE MIKVAH IS THE TOUCHSTONE OF JEWISH LIFE AND THE PORTAL TO A JEWISH FUTURE.

DID YOU KNOW?

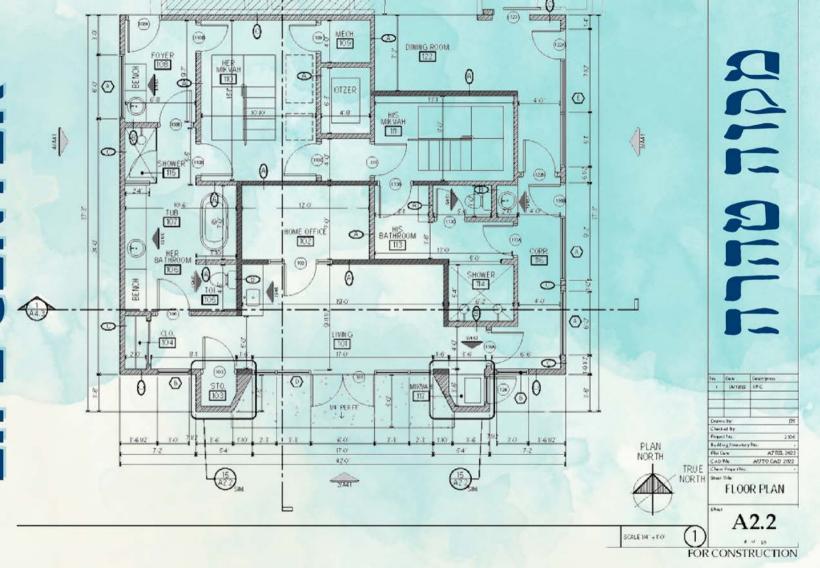
- JEWISH LAW STATES THAT
 CONSTRUCTING A MIKVAH TAKES
 PRECEDENCE EVEN OVER
 BUILDING A HOUSE OF WORSHIP.
- BOTH A SYNAGOGUE AND A TORAH SCROLL, JUDAISM'S MOST VENERATED TREASURE, MAY BE SOLD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING OF A MIKVAH.
- IN THE EYES OF JEWISH LAW, A GROUP OF JEWISH FAMILIES LIVING TOGETHER DO NOT ATTAIN THE STATUS OF A COMMUNITY IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A COMMUNAL MIKVAH.



WHY?

THIS IS SO FOR A SIMPLE REASON: PRIVATE AND EVEN COMMUNAL PRAYER CAN BE HELD IN VIRTUALLY ANY LOCATION, AND **VENUES FOR THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE SYNAGOGUE** CAN BE FOUND ELSEWHERE, BUT **JEWISH MARRIED LIFE, AND** THEREFORE THE BIRTH OF FUTURE **GENERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE** WITH HALACHAH, IS POSSIBLE **ONLY WHERE THERE IS ACCESSIBILITY TO A MIKVAH. IT IS** NO EXAGGERATION TO STATE THAT THE MIKVAH IS THE TOUCHSTONE OF JEWISH LIFE AND THE PORTAL TO A JEWISH FUTURE.

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Dedication Opportunities

Make a significant gift. All donors will have a plaque placed in the Mikvah lobby.

MIKVAH BUILDING NAMING \$250,000

RESERVED WOMEN'S MIKVAH NAMING \$175,000

RESERVED MEN'S MIKVAH NAMING \$100,000

MIKVAH ROOM \$100,000

DISHES MIKVAH NAMING \$75,000

RESERVED MIKVAH POOL \$75,000

MIKVAH WELL \$50,000

PREPARATION ROOM \$50,000

RESERVED LOBBY \$25,000

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BRONZE GROUNDBREAKER \$108 MONTHLY SILVER GROUNDBREAKER \$180 MONTHLY GOLD GROUNDBREAKER \$250 MONTHLY

MIKVAH FOUNDATION \$5000 MIKVAH PAVER \$2500 MIKVAH BRICK \$1800 MIKVAH TILE \$1000



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