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A Social Story



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When you come to Mayyim Hayyim you see a gate that says, “Come in peace.” Then you see the garden, which leads to a path. There are two paths. One of the paths leads to the door, and the other path leads to an outdoor pool that collects rainwater from the sky.

“A mikveh guide welcomes me at the door.”



This is the front door of Mayyim Hayyim. You might be nervous or excited. Somebody comes and greets you. “Shalom.”

“A smiling face signs me in.”



Your family member will be checked in by a Mikveh staff member at the front desk.

“This room with comfortable sofas is where I can wait.”



When you enter Mayyim Hayyim, you will see a living room like this. This room is meant to make the center feel like home. You can color, read a book, have a snack, or speak with family.

“I can sign the guestbook.”



This is where you add your name alongside those who have come before you.

**“I can wash my hands - *Al Netilat Yadayim*
(upon the raising of the hands)”**



You can wash your hands when coming to the mikveh. You do so before immersing or before having a snack.

“My family member walks through the doors to prepare themselves.”



You will see your family member step through the curtains. They are going to get ready to go in the mikveh. It might be quick, it might take a while. To get ready, they will brush their teeth, clean their nails, and take a shower.

“It smells like chlorine.”



**When a person immerses, a touch of rainwater
is let into the pool.**

“My family member slowly enters the pool.”



The one who is getting married dips their whole body three times, but just for a second.

“We are waiting outside the mikveh.”



While the family member is inside, family can gather outside, ready to celebrate.

“My family member emerges from the mikveh like this..”



“I see people starting to cry.”

A single person comes out, with their hair likely still wet. They will be dressed when they come out. You can say, “Mazel Tov.”

“I say, Mazel Tov! Mikveh today, wedding tomorrow.”



At this point you might sing songs or play music and there might be food to eat or something to drink. There might also be lots of hugs and excitement.

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