

# **I Am Visiting The Mikveh: Today I am becoming Jewish!**



**A Social Story by Keshar Newton Anafim**

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This is the gate to Mayyim Hayyim Community Mikveh. Today I am becoming Jewish!



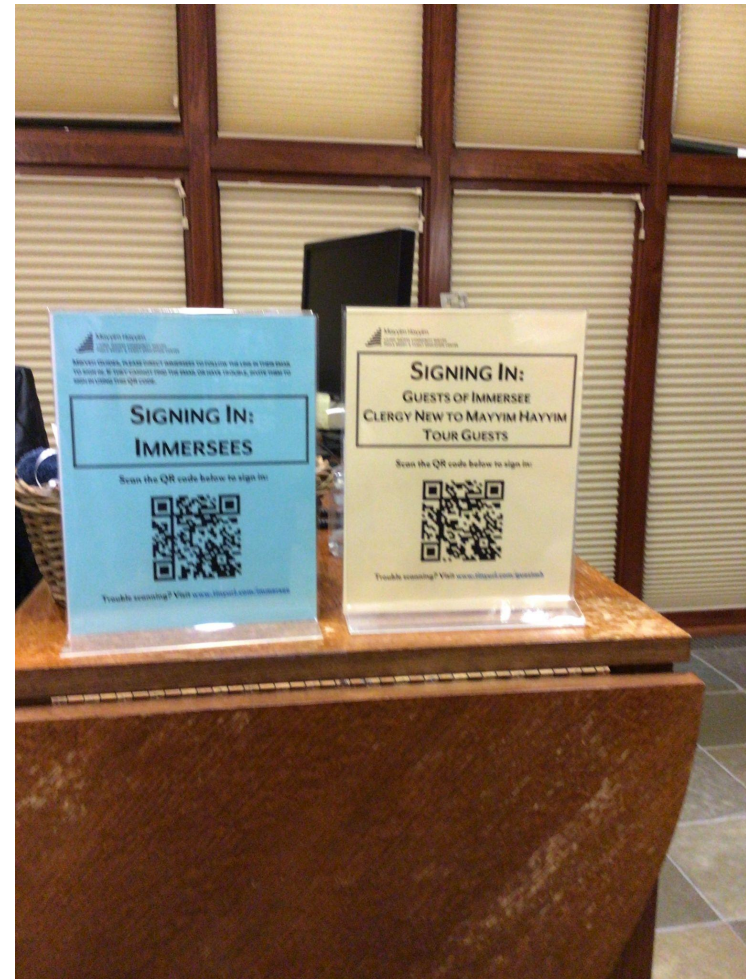
This is Beth, she is one of the Mikveh Guides here.  
A mikveh guide will meet me at the door.





Once I have been greeted, I will get comfortable on the couch in the living room. I may need to wait here until they are ready for me.





While I wait I can learn about the mikveh by reading signs and the guest book.





When my conversion is ready to begin I will go into a room with three rabbis, called a Beit Din. They will ask me questions about why I want to be Jewish, and things like that.





When the Beit Din is done, I am ready to go to the pool side of the Mikveh. I will enter a preparation room to get ready to go in the water.





The room will look like a bathroom, with a toilet, sink, and shower or tub.





I will wash my face and take off all of my clothes and accessories. Then I will go in the shower and clean my body. I might also brush my teeth.





Once I am ready for the mikveh, I will call the Mikveh guide on this phone to let them know I am ready to go into the water.



I will wrap myself in a sheet and wait for the Mikveh Guide. They will knock and on the door to tell me they are ready. Then I will enter the Mikveh room.





The Mikveh room will look like this. It will smell like chlorine which keeps the pool water clean. It will feel warm in the room. The water will be warm like bath water.



I will take off my sheet and enter the water. The Mikveh Guide will hold a large sheet over their eyes so they won't be looking at my body until I am ready to dunk in the water.



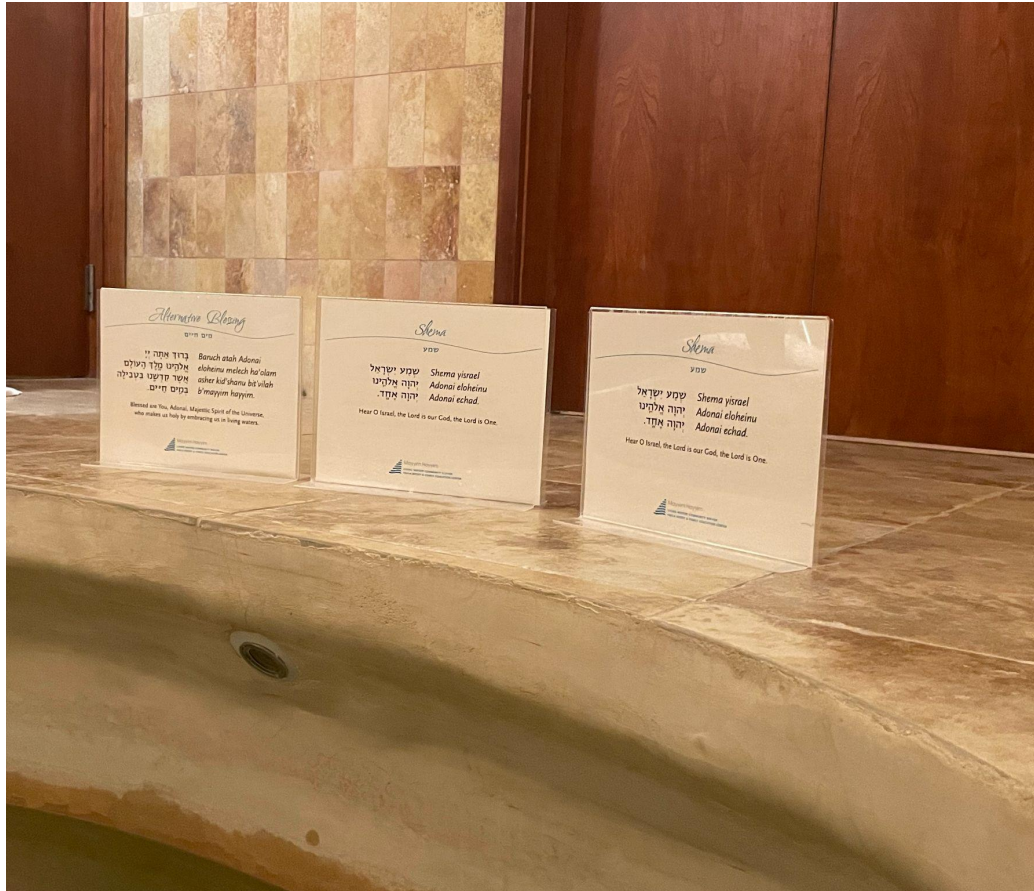


When I go down the stairs into the water I will see a red handle with a pipe on the side. I will twist the handle, which lets a bit of rain water collected outside meet the clean water in the Mikveh.



I will dunk my whole body under the water three times. The mikveh guide will peak over the sheet to make sure I am fully under the water. She will say "Kasher" when I have completed each dunk.





Each time when I come back up from dunking I will recite a prayer that is listed on the card in front of me. My family and support people will be in the Atrium listening to my prayers.



After my last dunk my support people will shout “Mazel Tov!” I am Jewish now!

When I am all done, I will get out of the water, and go back into the prep room to get dressed. Then I will join them to celebrate.





I am Jewish now, and Jewish people celebrate by eating a festive meal.



I am so proud of my journey to becoming Jewish! I get to go home now as a member of the Jewish people!



# The End!

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