

# **I Am Visiting The Mikveh: Someone I love is becoming Jewish!**



**A Social Story by Kesher Newton Anafim  
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Today we are going to the Mayyim Hayyim Community Mikveh.  
We are going to celebrate our loved one's conversion to Judaism!



A Mikveh guide will greet us at the door. It will smell like a swimming pool, that is because the Mikveh waters are chlorinated just like a pool.



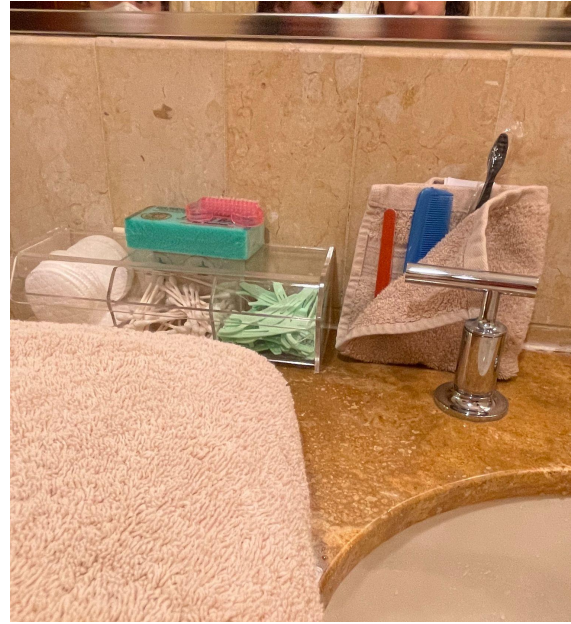
Our family member has a lot to do to prepare for their conversion. It might take a long time. I can play quiet games and read books while we wait in the lounge with my other support people.



Our family member will go into a room with three rabbis, called a Beit Din. They will talk in private.



When they are done meeting with the Beit Din, our family member will go into one of the preparation rooms to get ready.



The room will look like a bathroom, with a toilet, sink, and shower or tub. A person going in the Mikveh water needs to clean their bodies as best as they can. There are supplies and instructions in the room.



Once they are ready for the mikveh, they will call the Mikveh guide on this phone to let them know they are ready to go in. The guide will tell them if they can enter yet.





My family member will go into the mikveh room when the guide says it's ready.



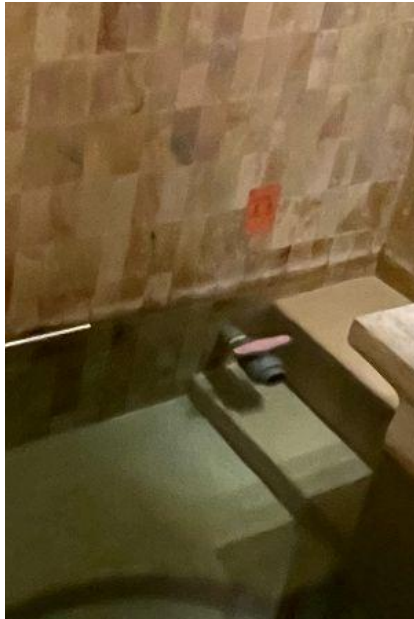
The Mikveh room will look like this.



When our family member enters the mikveh they will be wrapped in a sheet. They will go down the seven steps into the water.



If a person uses a wheelchair, the mikveh guide can help them with a special chair that lifts them into the mikvah.



At the bottom of the stairs is a faucet. To let the rain water meet the chlorinated tap water, my family member will turn this handle for just a few seconds, it will let the outside water and the inside water mix. This makes it a Kosher mikveh.



Our family member will go fully under the water three times and recite blessings between each time. This is part of the conversion process. The water must touch every part of their body.



Everytime our family member dunks under the water the Mikveh guide will peek over a large sheet to make sure the person is completely submerged under water.



I will wait in a space outside the Mikveh room. That way we cannot see into the mikveh, but we can hear what is happening through the window.





When our family member finishes their conversion ceremony, we will all celebrate and may shout “Mazel Tov” and sing!



When our family member is dressed again, they will come out and celebrate. We are so proud that our family member is now Jewish. Jewish people celebrate by eating a festive meal.



Now we will leave the mikveh together. What a great day!

# The End!

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