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Please complete and return this form along with your check payable to The Mikvah Emunah Society of Greater Washington and mail to **Mikvah Emunah Society | P.O. Box 1714 | Silver Spring, MD 20915**, or donate online at www.mikvahemunah.com/Membership. **Full payment of \$360 or recurring payments of \$30 per month may be set up online.** Thank you for your support!

*Please include your email address so that we can save money by emailing your receipt and other important announcements. (We do not share our list.)

- Student membership is available when both spouses are full-time students
- User fees are waived for student members and for members at the \$360 membership level and above
- Contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law
- Membership period is January - December

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\$100 student

\$75 friend

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Yes, I want to become a member of the Mikvah Emunah Society and support the *mizvot* of *mikvah* and *taharat hamishpacha* in our community. I enclose my membership fee of:

MIKVAH EMUNAH SOCIETY *m/≈s* OF GREATER WASHINGTON

According to the Talmud, the importance of having a *mikvah* ranks even higher in Jewish law than that of having a synagogue.

[Talmud Megilla 27a]

Our *mikvah* is one of the most essential components of our Jewish community. It serves the needs and enriches the lives of our entire Jewish community. Without a properly maintained *mikvah*, it would be absolutely impossible for our Orthodox community to exist.

Regardless of age, gender, or whether you currently use the *mikvah*, the community has a responsibility for all its members' spiritual and physical needs. *Mikvah* is the bedrock on which the entire community stands.

The \$360 membership level (\$30 per month) is what MES has determined best meets our financial requirements, but all donations are appreciated. If \$360 is beyond your ability, please consider becoming a supporting member for \$180 or make a contribution at a level that is meaningful for you.

Represents the number of Orthodox households in the community



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THE MIKVAH EMUNAH SOCIETY



As a member, you are part of something bigger...

Know more about MES and
know that your membership support
makes our community stronger!

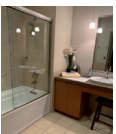
Did You Know?

The Mikvah Emunah Society opened the Wallerstein Mikvah in 2011 to meet the needs of a growing community and to create a facility that would enhance the beauty of *taharat hamishpacha*.

The Wallerstein Mikvah has...



2 mikvaot (immersion pools) each are constructed slightly differently to accommodate different Orthodox traditions.



10 preparation rooms, including an elegant preparation room for brides, one room designed to be wheelchair accessible, and another for those with special physical needs.

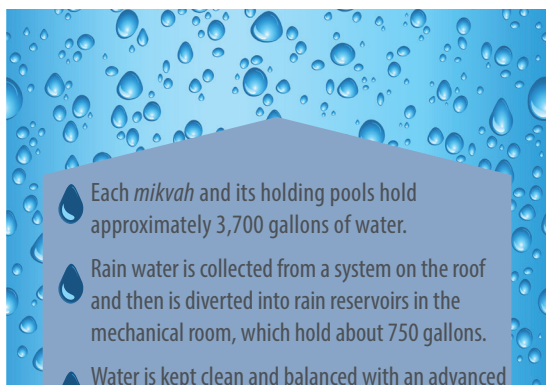


A beautiful waiting room (although there's rarely a wait!)

All That Water...



We keep the water temperature in the *mikvah* comfortably warm and spa-like, approximately 94 degrees.



- Each *mikvah* and its holding pools hold approximately 3,700 gallons of water.
- Rain water is collected from a system on the roof and then is diverted into rain reservoirs in the mechanical room, which hold about 750 gallons.
- Water is kept clean and balanced with an advanced filtration system. Bromine, (which is easy on the skin) and ozone are added as sanitizers.

*Some numbers may be approximations

Fun Facts...

Over 170 bottles of shampoo and other personal hygiene products are used per year.

Over 100 loads of laundry are washed and dried at our facility each month.

Our mikvah manager answers more than 300 calls, texts and emails each month.

About 200 men used The Wallerstein Mikvah this year on *Erev Rosh Hashanah* and *Erev Yom Kippur*.

Education is Important...

In addition to running the *mikvah*, The Mikvah Emunah Society places importance on teaching about the *mitzvot* associated with *mikvah*, *taharat hamishpacha* and women's health.

120 women from our community have taken the MES *taharat hamishpacha* refresher course.

MES offers *shuirim* (classes) and programs for the community on a variety of topics, including our recent *shuir*, *Halacha* and *Design of a Modern Mikvah*. A fun and successful Community Celebration Challah Bake was held in the spring.

MES created the Robin Niman Mikvah Education Fund in 2020 in memory of long-time *mikvah* manager, Robin Niman, *a"h*. The Fund trains *mikvah* personnel, contributes toward *kallah* classes for brides who are unable to pay, and provides educational programming, helping to perpetuate Robin's tremendous legacy. To date, we have held 12 virtual events with attendance from across the community and beyond. A challenge grant from the OU enhanced our learning this year by providing support for our *Women's Unity Series: Engaging and Connecting Women in our Community at All Ages and Stages of Life*.

The Mikvah Emunah Society's officers and board of directors represent a cross section of our Jewish community.

Our *mikvah* manager, building manager and custodial staff take care of the day-to-day needs of the Wallerstein Mikvah, overseen by board members and other volunteers.

Attendants are highly trained, understanding and caring.

Our greeters are warm and welcoming.

Membership Provides for the Spiritual and Physical...

MES generally asks for community support twice a year; once with an event, and then again for membership. These funds allow us to maintain the highest possible standards of cleanliness and aesthetics, as is proper for those performing a *mitzvah* that is central to the fabric of Jewish life.

In addition, membership funds helps cover the cost of:



Maintenance



Electricity



Air Conditioning and Heating



Water



Security



Supplies



Laundry



Cleaning



Yard Work