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Posted by MaalinBKodesh - 14 Aug 2009 16:51

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Re: Tattoos in the mikveh  
Posted by bardichev - 14 Aug 2009 17:05

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OY THIS TOPIC IS GEVALDIGGGG

A EHRLICHER BUCHIR A BAAL TESHUVAH  
WENT TO THE MIKVAH EREV YOM KIPPUR

HIS TATTOOS HE TRIED TO CONCEAL  
UNDER HIS TOWEL NOT TO REVAEL

AS HE APPROCHED THE MIKVA HIS TOWEL FELL  
HE WANTED TO HIDE LIKE A TURTLE IN HIS SHELL

HE COLDN'T MOVE FROZEN FROM SHAME  
TO HIS RESCUE AN OLD MAN CAME

MY DEAREST YIDDELE DO NOT WORRY  
I HAVE A SIMILAR STORY

WE SHARE A SOMETHING MINE OLD YOURS NEW

MY HAND IS BRANDED WITH A TATTOO

MY TATTOO IS IS A SIGN

SO IS YOUR JUST LIKE MINE

THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN WASH IT AWAY

IS HASHEM WHOM TO WE PRAY

SO DONT BE SAD BECAUSE OF YOUR TATOO

IT WILL BRING TO "LIFNEI HASHEM TITHARU"

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Re: Tattoos in the mikveh  
Posted by MaalinBKodesh - 14 Aug 2009 17:23

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This poem/story sent shivers through me.

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Re: Tattoos in the mikveh  
Posted by Efshar Letaken - 14 Aug 2009 19:35

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2 amazing thoughts.

Very Touching!

Speaking of Kavunos in the mikve,

A yid asked Hakodosh Reb Aaron Belzer Z"L Kavonos Ha Mikveh.

So he said.

"Mikveh is all about going Down 1 step & another till we reach the bottom & when we get Down there, we Bend Down yet Again under the water.

Its about telling Hashem I'm All yours! I am "Nichnah" myself to you.

Have a Holy Shabbos

E.L.

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Re: Tattoos in the mikveh

Posted by Will - 15 Aug 2009 18:24

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A beautiful observation...I just dont understand one of the ideas you presented:

[MaalinBKodesh wrote on 14 Aug 2009 16:51:](#)

It would seem that the tattoos will always be there on his body, though it has absolutely no bearing on him now or who he is today....

I was thinking this might apply to us. The aveiros and lusting we have done will always be there in the distance

Why should that be so? Teshuva is OxyClean for the neshama. If a person did real teshuva, and *truly* beseeched Hashem for help, he essentially scrubbed his soul clean of the aveirah and lusting stains that fell upon it...why should those stains always be there in the distance?

[Efshar Letaken wrote on 14 Aug 2009 19:35:](#)

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I love that.

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Re: Tattoos in the mikveh  
Posted by Efshar Letaken - 16 Aug 2009 03:13

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Gut Vuch

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Re: Tattoos in the mikveh  
Posted by Kedusha - 16 Aug 2009 04:27

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Dear Efshar.

I think it depends on whether or not you're keeping others waiting.

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Re: Tattoos in the mikveh  
Posted by bardichev - 17 Aug 2009 00:21

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REB AHARON OF BELZ ZTZ"L USED TO SAY THIS VERETEL;

WAHTS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MIKVA AND AN AVAIRA

WHEN YOU ENTER THE MIKVA YOU CAY OY! OY! THEN AHHH...AHHH,,

AN AVEIRA FIRST YO SAY AHHH AAAHHH THAEN OYYY OYY!

REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT IN THE MIKVA

REB AHARON OF BELZ SAID

ONE WHO TOIVELS MORE TIME THAN IS ACCEPTED BY "CHASSIDISHE YIDDEN"

IS JUST SPLASHING IN THE WATER

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Re: Tattoos in the mikveh  
Posted by Will - 17 Aug 2009 06:39

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[MaalinBKodesh wrote on 17 Aug 2009 05:57:](#)

if the person did a real teshuva and removed those stains, that still by no means implies he can then be complacent. No, he must remain ever vigilant, the teshuva notwithstanding, to be on guard that just because he did teshuva does not mean the yetzer won't try any and every tactic to get him back to do this stuff, always there at the distance, ready to pounce.

So true!

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