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Posted by sbg - 09 Jan 2024 21:24

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 11 Jan 2024 04:54

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Posted by cande - 11 Jan 2024 05:00

i remember the first Q they ask is, is your dad here?

i asked a guy that was making a mikva why hes not putting in camra's in?, he said cause its **discusting!**

i told him, coming to think of it, your right! it would have been disscusting to have a video of myself being abused!

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by doingtshuva - 11 Jan 2024 11:24

What in the world has a child to find in a mikveh ??? Neverminded the creepy men that are running from one mikveh to another.

A mikveh is dangerous place !!

I think its time to upgrade the mikvehs into private rooms. Just as the restrooms.

Where is the modesty we teach and talk all day?

I know families that don't let their children wear short pants from age 7, but send them every Friday to play in the mikveh.

Many mikvehs nowadays have cameras. Be aware or stay home!!

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by redfaced - 11 Jan 2024 13:37

[redfaced wrote on 10 Jan 2024 22:01:](#)

[cordnoy wrote on 10 Jan 2024 20:40:](#)

if the poster, who might be long gone by now,

I know the argument on the comparison, but I chuckled several times when readin' his valid point; it may not be a winnin' argument, but it is one to consider.

I chuckled too, since it was funny(even funnier because I had to check twice to see that it wasnt you who was posting -I mean, cande? who'da thunk) But, as mentioned many times times here there are new people who post here who disappear after a post taht is worded too sharply.

I shudder to think what would have happened had CO gotten scared off after he got his pajama wearin' basement sittin' drasha givin' honesty smashin' welcome. lots of people would have lost out on a valuable source of chizzuk.

There is a right way how to respond and multiple wrong way .

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by davidt - 11 Jan 2024 14:43

[yitzchokm wrote on 11 Jan 2024 04:46:](#)

[cande wrote on 11 Jan 2024 04:30:](#)

on a more serious note, at age should i let my kids start going to mikva?

P.S. most of my sexual abuse went down in the mikva!

Personally, I don't see a reason to go before the age of 13 or the day they put on Tefillin. It is unclear to me why I sometimes see children going, often as if they are in a swimming pool. It calls for trouble. Also, my menahel in Mesivta taught us that the kavonos hamikvah are ????? ??? ????? (meaning, not spending an extra minute there).

Chazal (????? ?? ??? ???) forbade bathing with one's father, brother [some versions say father-in-law], stepfather, or sister's husband because of a concern for hirhur (???? ??). The Rama cites this as halacha (????? ??' ??? ??? ???, ????? ??). In a place where people cover themselves somewhat, e.g., with a swimsuit at a beach, it is mutar (???? ??).

However, young children may go to the mikvah with their fathers since at that age, it will not lead to hirhur (??? ?????????? ?? ?????? ?????? ??? ?' ???, ????? ????? ?????? ??? ???' ??? ???', ?????? ??? ?????? ???' ???' ???). **In fact, children should never be allowed to go to the mikvah alone at all due to the existence of unscrupulous people.**

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by crabapple18 - 17 Jan 2024 01:13

[sbg wrote on 09 Jan 2024 21:24:](#)

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My humble solution is not to go, as it is akin to ???? ???? ????.

Just my experience.

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by Goldfish - 21 Jan 2024 22:07

Hi. I fully agree with the original questioner. Mikvaos nowadays are often disgusting. Abuse or not, people can sytand around talking as if they are in a club and lose every last bit of inbuilt shame. Chazal tell us that one of the signs of a jew is his shame yet it is slowly eroding on all sides. (the same is true, in a different way with the immodest styles of dress that have become common by women. i wouldn't have such strong views about them if i wasn't so preverse to consistently notice how immodest every woman who passes is.....) It is no wonder that a person struggling with SSA or other attractions is suffering so much. Someone must do something about this terrible disease. Every Mikva should have someone appointed to constantly urge everyone to move on. Also, mikvaos should not be so hot, it only urges people to sit and talk. I don't knw where you live, but in Toldos Avrohom Yitzchok in Yerushalayim and in a few similar places, there are very strict rules that are kept in aid of tznus. you may find that helpful. i don't know if there is anything similar in your area. (also, consider going at 6ish in the morning or at another empty time of day.) Stay strong, I know it must be really hard to feel so impure and knowing that the way to remove that impurity will only spoil you more. hashem should be with you and pour from His holiness into you and bring you to only good places.

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#mikva shark

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Posted by chancy - 23 Jan 2024 16:38

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Lots of Mikvas have very low lighting and its very quite, no talking or lounging around. We need to demand it here! I only go on fridays and Shabbos and only to a mikva that has a very serious

kind of clientele. Its very quite there as well.

What bothers me the most is that by going to a modern day mikva, most bucherim will lose their inborn holy shyness, it become normal to be exposed and shower naked in public! How is that good for anyone especially our holy bucherim? It gives me no peace to see this issue consist.

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Posted by yitzchokm - 23 Jan 2024 17:10

I have gone to Mikvah and I am still shy about Tznius. It all depends on how we go about going to Mikvah. If we are modest in the Mikvah it adds holiness. My menahel in Yeshiva used to walk into the Mikvah in overnight camp sometimes and announce that the kavanos hamikvah are ????? ??? ?????, meaning to spend the least time there as possible. Some people prefer to go when the Mikvah is emptier but a person can and should remain holy even if he goes when the Mikvah is packed. Someone who has SSA shouldn't be going to Mikvah for obvious reasons but that concern doesn't apply to the rest of us.

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Good points. But I think that low lighting is not a good idea... Predators are a greater risk in the dark...

Side note: It might be that because Mikva is a place that brings kedusha, it also has the risk of the opposite *zeh leumas zeh* ...

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Posted by adam2014 - 24 Jan 2024 11:05

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Many of us can't handle having a iPhone in our pockets, but we are expected to be ok in the presence of a group of people that we are sexually attracted to being naked? How does that make any sense?

Coming from a non-frum background, a Mikva was something that “religious women” went to. Men never went..period! I am not against it, if someone enjoys going, but for a guy suffering with SSA.. It just doesn't make any sense to even attempt it.

Please understand that I am coming at this from a non-frum viewpoint. If there is an overriding reason that you feel that you must go to a Mikvah, I fully respect that and if you feel that you must go AND you suffer from SSA I have nothing but empathy for you.

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While I agree, and I have said so above, that a person dealin' with SSA should not be frequentin' a Mikvah on a regular basis - that is merely my opinion, and to some who come from the more Chasidic upbringin's - that may amount to heresy, as they might consider the daily mornin' ritual dip as a 'chok v'lo ya'avov,' and they would need to deal with it accordin'ly. In the same vein, I take slight offense to your unequivocal stance on Mikvah goin' from a sensical standpoint. While you may not understand it logically and that is not how you were brought up, that is fine, however, that has no bearin' on our traditions. Will I quote the Roshei HaYeshivos and the Great Chassidishe Rebbes who have made it clear to us that nothin' detrimental will come from a mitzvah done with kedushah, or one who is tryin' to do the right thin'? No, I will not, and at the same time, I will say that not everythin' in our religion makes sense and we do it anyway. Men goin' to a Mikvah together is part of our mesorah; if someone can't handle it, don't go, but that doesn't mean that it's wrong (and I'm not sayin' that's what you said either).

Godspeed

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