

Dear families,

We are writing to express our support for the Rebbitzen Peggy Gopin Weiss Mikvah of Englewood, and its annual fundraising event taking place on November 13th.

The importance of a local Mikvah transcends just women, and radiates onto the entire population. Our Mikvah is a pivotal cornerstone of the Englewood community and we must unite across generations and genders to support it with sincere passion and dedication.

It is paramount that we all do what we can to support our local Mikvah, as the operating costs are not covered by usage fees. Powerful words have been written by great, contemporary Rabbis about the importance of supporting Mikvaot, with strong messaging to suggest perhaps even prioritizing them at the top of the hierarchy of communal giving.

We are privileged to have a top of the line, spa like Mikvah which opened in 2016 after years of planning, construction, and fundraising. Our Mikvah houses two pools and seven dressing rooms. It is handicap accessible and provides a welcoming atmosphere for Kallahs. There is also a Kaylim Mikvah, and hours for Men when needed. Ours is a Mikvah that we can, and should be proud of, a luxurious and comfortable space to which we can gladly take our daughters and granddaughters.

Like baking Challah and lighting Shabbat candles, going to the Mikvah has been a mitzvah inextricably connected to Jewish women since ancient times. The Mikvah is a ritual link in a chain, cementing ourselves and our future generations to those who came before us. The Mikvah experience is one where clutter fades away and priorities become crystal clear. Keeping the laws of Taharat HaMishpacha, in whatever ways in which we do, is an opportunity to maintain boundaries in a world filled increasingly amorphous ones, where what was once private is now public, where withholding is relatively unheard of. Going to the Mikvah provides an opportunity to stop, think, connect and reflect, when doing just that is becoming more and more difficult.

We are looking for support, both in donations and in attendance, from across all four community shuls. We urge you to please give generously to this valuable institution as we embark on this fundraising appeal. We look forward to seeing you at the November 13th event. Please register at <https://www.ahavathtorah.org/form/mikvah-fundraiser-2018>

With great appreciation,

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