

**Welcome to the
Adam R. Straus
Memorial Mikvah.**

We are continually grateful to Hashem and to our many supporters who have made this beautiful facility a reality. We hope this mikvah will enhance the spirit of purity and holiness in our community and provide a pleasant experience for all those who use it.



Adam R. Straus was a talented young man who had an unwavering love for and commitment to Judaism. His life was tragically cut short, but he has left behind a legacy for Jewish education and spirituality. This mikvah is one way in which his legacy will be fulfilled.

MEN'S HOURS

The Mikvah is open for men who would like to immerse before Shabbat or Yom Tov, in order to enter the holy day with a spirit of purity. Men's hours are Fridays & Erev Yom Tov 7:45-10:00 AM, by appointment only. Men's appointments are made through the shul office (773-248-9200). The fee is \$22. Men are requested to bring a towel.

KELIM MIKVAH

Kelim (vessels) made of metal or glass (and, according to some opinions, glazed china) are immersed in the Mikvah to prepare them for use in a Jewish home. The Kelim Mikvah has a designated entrance on the east side of the building and is open during daylight hours. You can let yourself in using the combination code. Call the shul office to obtain the code. It is customary to leave a donation.

OTHER USES FOR MIKVAH

Mikvah has the potential to speak to specific needs or transitional moments in our life journey. For guidance in these uses, please consult a halachic authority.

Those who would like to immerse to mark these occasions are requested to utilize the regular women's and men's mikvah hours, respectively.

NOTE:

This mikvah is not used for conversions.

The Adam R. Straus Memorial Mikvah



540 West Melrose Street
Chicago, IL 60657
Phone (773) 248-9200
Fax (773) 248-5001
Mikvah Phone (773) 935-1689

FACILITIES

The Mikvah has a waiting room, two preparation rooms and one immersion pool. Our facilities are handicapped accessible.

DÉCOR

The Mikvah aims to provide a warm and inviting spa-like atmosphere to help women relax and rejuvenate for the time-honored practice



of ritual family purity. The Mediterranean-influenced décor features luxurious finishes such as granite countertops, porcelain stone floors, Jerusalem stone-style walls, and state-of-the-art Zuma Airbath tubs.

APPOINTMENTS

The Mikvah operates by appointments only. Please call 773-935-1689 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule an appointment. Your call will be returned as promptly as possible to confirm your appointment time.

PARKING

There is a designated parking space reserved for Mikvah users at the western-most end of the parking lot. To ensure the privacy of our Mikvah users, we ask that no one wait in the parking lot during mikvah hours. Instead, please wait on Melrose Street or in the shul.

HOURS

Reminder: Please call 773-935-1689 to make an appointment at least 48 hours in advance.

Summer:

Sunday-Thursday:

20 minutes after candle lighting time for that week, until 10:00 PM

Motzei Shabbat/Motzei Yom Tov:

1 hour & 30 minutes after candle lighting for that week, until 11:00 PM

Winter:

(Winter hours begin with Daylight Savings Time)

Sunday-Thursday:

6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Motzei Shabbat/Motzei Yom Tov:

1 hour & 30 minutes after candle lighting for that week, until 9:00 PM

Friday night & Yom Tov appointment times will be discussed when you call for your appointment. Please call as early in the week as possible.

Please note: Even though the Mikvah might open earlier, the kosher immersion time is not until 50 minutes after candle lighting for that week.

FEES

Basic Appointment (includes towels): \$22.00
Additional Fee for robe: \$3.00
Bridal Appointment (includes Bridal Kit): \$36.00
Annual Membership (Unlimited Usage for One Calendar year): \$250.00
Late Fee (arrival more than 15 minutes after appointment time): \$10.00 additional fee.

MIKVAH STAFF

Our mikvah is staffed by volunteer women from the community. A Mikvah Attendant's role is to facilitate a woman's immersion. The Attendants have been specially trained by Daughters of Israel to provide the utmost privacy and comfort to women using the mikvah.

To volunteer as a Mikvah Attendant, contact Rachel Tessler Lopatin at 312-813-4158 or rtesslerlopatin@aol.com.

For questions about mikvah use, contact Rabbi Asher Lopatin at 773-206-0009 or rabbid@asbi.org or Rachel Kohl Finegold at 773-896-7393 or rkfinegold@asbi.org.

HALACHIC NOTE:

Our Mikvah conforms to the strictest Orthodox standards for kosher mikvahs, including Lubavitch standards.

Introduce a friend to the beauty of mikvah observance. Call us to arrange a class or a tour for you, a friend or a group. If you have any further questions, please contact:

Rachel Kohl Finegold,
Education & Ritual Director
773-248-9200 or rkfinegold@asbi.org.

Contributions are always welcome and appreciated. Checks may be sent to the Adam R. Straus Memorial Mikvah, 540 Melrose Street, Chicago, IL 60657.