

An Open Appeal to Add These Essential Issues To the Community's Agenda:

1. **Mikva Education Outreach** is one of the most important and **most pressing topics** today! Since it is a most effective way to curb and **stop the spiritual holocaust** of over 75% intermarriage. See the articles: "Intermarriage endangers you and Israel."
2. By **failing** to bring **Mikva Education Outreach** to the global Jewish community, we become partners to the **guilt of writing off 10 million** brothers and sisters from the Jewish future.
3. See the **"Stunning Results"** that one man, with insignificant funds and with minimal community support was able to accomplish, to appreciate how much more could be achieved with a **concerted community effort**.
4. See: **"Mikva Education Materials Available Today"** to appreciate how relatively **inexpensive materials could achieve huge results**.

5. A request for three secondary items for the community's agenda:

A. A proclamation **against using non-Jewish names** and/or allowing them on institutional plaques. The preference and pride to use Gentile names instead of our Jewish names, is a contradiction to the blessing "Shelo Assani Goy," a result of a lack of self-respect to our heritage, which **opens the door to intermarriage**.

B. A proclamation **against smoking in public!** If smoking will be limited to a time and place where one is alone, it will cut at least by half the amount of his smoking, and by 75% the amount of young men trapped to become smokers.

C. A proclamation **against buying and/or driving foreign cars!** **Gratitude and respect** for the country of our residence **commands it**. Among many other reasons: A car is a Flag! We are suspected with first allegiance to the Holy Land. A foreign car condemns us with an additional foreign flag! It creates a needless criticism against all of us, hence it is **intolerable**. Just as we would not compromise on the kashruth of our food or the quality of our Jewish education, despite the inconvenience and added cost, we should similarly be ready to sacrifice on price, quality and comfort to drive only local cars out of the gratitude and respect which we owe to our country of residence.

Humbly submitted,

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Spread the Message of Mikva to World Jewry! Build Mikvas for Giv'on!

Site of one of the greatest miracles in the history of the world!

"Shemesh B-Giv'on Dom!" - "שמש ב-גבעון דום"



L. to R.: Chief Rabbi Yosef Toledano & I. Ravad opening the Giv'on Mikva campaign.

Tanach teaches us that Yehoshua bin-Nun led Bnai Yisroel in battle at Giv'on against the 5 kings of Canaan. Realizing that he needed more time to achieve victory, Yehoshua prayed to Hashem, "Oh G-d, please halt the sun over Giv'on!" Hashem answered by halting the sun in the sky for 24 hours, all over the world, until total victory was achieved.

Today, Giv'on is one of two fast-growing communities in the city of Giv'at Ze'ev, located 7 miles west of Yerushalayim, not far from Kever Shmuel Hanavi, on the new highway connecting Yerushalayim to the international airport. Each of these communities is in desperate need of a Mikva for the 2,500 young families living there, about 1/3 of whom are religious.

Today, the Jews of Giv'on are not asking us to stop the sun. They have the land, the plans and the local approvals they need to build these two Mikvas. The miracle they need is our help raising the money needed to build the two Mikvas, \$100,000 and \$650,000 respectively. To

be **serious and effective**, please strive to donate an amount at least **equal** to your family's yearly daily and monthly **Mikva expenditures**, **currently between \$200 and \$500**, for the Giv'on Mikva and Global Mikva Education.

When Yehoshua prayed for a miracle at Giv'on, Hashem responded by stopping the sun in the sky. Imagine Hashem's response to your prayers in the z'chus (merit) of your contribution to bringing the Mitzva of Mikva to all the people of Giv'on!

The budget includes 10% earmarked for Mikva education, since the main point is not just to build the Mikvas, but primarily to make sure that everyone is using them. (See page of "Stunning Results" #6)

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Giv'on Mikva Appeal

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Signed and sealed for the honor of the holy Torah and its institutions - **Harav Yosef Toledano**

"The Holy work of Rabbi Imanuel Ravad is known to me and is worthy of being blessed. It is a great Mitzvah to help this holy cause in a meaningful way."

Harav Shmuel Kamenetzky, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Philadelphia; Harav Shaul Ya'akov Kassir, Chief Rabbi of Shaare Zion and Eastern Communities, Brooklyn; Harav Meir Yosef Rottenberg, Admor Koson, Boro-Park. (Listed in alphabetical order)