

Conversion Immersion Information

Everything you need to know as you prepare for your conversion immersion — from who will greet you at MACoM to how to prepare beforehand.

Mikvah Guides

When you arrive for your appointment, a volunteer mikvah guide will be there to welcome you — available to show you around the mikvah, explain the immersion process, and answer any questions you might have.

Preparing for the Mikvah

Removing Barriers (Chatzitza)

Before immersing, you'll cleanse thoroughly to remove anything that might come between you and the water — jewelry, contact lenses, makeup, bandages, and nail polish; shower or bathe; and clean your nails and teeth.

What MACoM Provides

We supply all the supplies and instructions you'll need, so there's nothing you need to bring. Preparation at MACoM usually takes about 15 minutes; depending on your beit din's schedule, your rabbi may suggest beginning at home instead.

Children

All children under 18 must have a parent or guardian present in the mikvah room during their immersion. Older children may immerse independently, while infants and younger children will need an adult to enter the water with them to assist. Please consult with your rabbi about who should fulfill this role. If you will be entering the water with your child, please bring a bathing suit or other clothing you are comfortable wearing in the water.

A Few Things to Keep in Mind

Contacts & Glasses: Bring glasses if you wear contacts — you can set them at the edge of the pool.

Body Piercings: If a piercing can't be removed, rotate it in the water during immersion.

Skin: Stitches or open sores? Check with your rabbi or contact us for guidance.

Hair: Shampoo and remove braids or tangles; avoid conditioner if possible, or rinse thoroughly.

Acrylic & Gel Nails: Nails worn more than 30 days are considered part of the body and can stay on.

Menstruation: If your immersion falls during your cycle, contact us to discuss your options.

If you have questions about any aspect of preparation, please contact us or consult with your rabbi.

Immersing in the Mikvah

MACoM provides a copy of all three blessings — in Hebrew, English, and transliteration — beside the mikvah pool, and your rabbi will walk you through when to say each one. Your guide remains present in the room while you immerse and, to respect your privacy, holds a towel or robe above their eyes, lowering it only at the moment of immersion to make sure your entire body, including all hair, is fully under water.

Guests

Guests are welcome to attend your appointment — they may join you in the mikvah room, wait in the lobby, or gather in the room just outside, where a transom window can be opened so they can hear the blessings during your immersion. If you plan to bring a larger group, please let us know in advance.