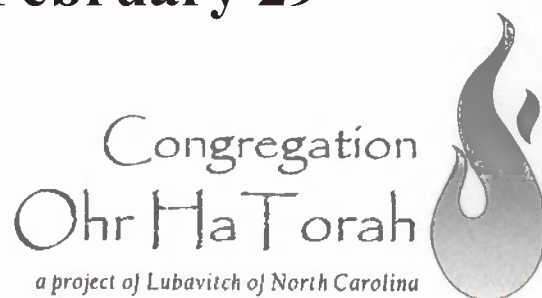


Grand Opening of New Mikvah on Monday, February 29



feeling elated and hopefully inspired to incorporate the beautiful Mitzvah of Mikvah into their lives. For more information please visit our website at chabadnc.org or call our office at 704-366-3984. ☆



The art on the wall of the Mikvah is a specially commissioned scene of Jerusalem on the eve of Shabbat by Brooklyn artist, Michael Muchnick. Photo by Michael J. Solender.

A new beautiful women's Mikvah is open to the Jewish community of Greater Charlotte. A celebration of the new Mikvah is planned with a grand opening on Monday, February 29, 7 PM at the Chabad Education Center at 6619 Sardis Road.

The Mikvah was built by Chabad of Charlotte, with the help of Mikvah USA and other anonymous donors. The open house will celebrate the luxurious new Mikvah which is to the delight of many Jewish women of Charlotte and surrounding areas in the Carolinas.

At the event, which is open to men and women, tours of the new Mikvah will be conducted and materials explaining the use and meaning of Mikvah will be available. The evening will feature a delightful buffet, and some musical entertainment.

The grand opening ceremony will also include an inspiring lecture on "The Sensual and the Sacred," presented by Miriam Lipskier, a Chabad emissary at Emory University, in Atlanta. Mrs. Lipskier's talk will center on the meaning of Mikvah and its significance in Jewish marriage.

The new spa-like Mikvah pool is equipped with a filtration and

water purification system. The Mikvah decor is inviting and meant to set the tone of an intimate spiritual experience for the Mikvah user. This new development will allow those observing this special mitzvah to immerse in the beautiful Mikvah's purifying waters in a serene setting while achieving ritual purification.

It is noteworthy the importance of building a Mikvah, even higher to the importance of building a synagogue. Although the synagogue is seen as the central institution in Jewish life, yet Jewish Law states that constructing a Mikvah takes precedence over building a house of worship. According to the Talmud, Mikvah is at the foundation of Jewish life in a community.

The new Mikvah will allow participants to be linked with Jewish women throughout the ages and fulfill a mitzvah that brings holiness and beauty to Jewish life. A special thank you goes to Mikvah USA for partnering with this project. The Mikvah will be named Mikvah Mei Leah, to honor the memory of Lillian Rotenstein, who was Mikvah USA's major donor for this project.

The goal of the event is to have guests leave the elegant reception

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Mikvah attendant Yiska Cohen. Photo by Michael J. Solender.

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