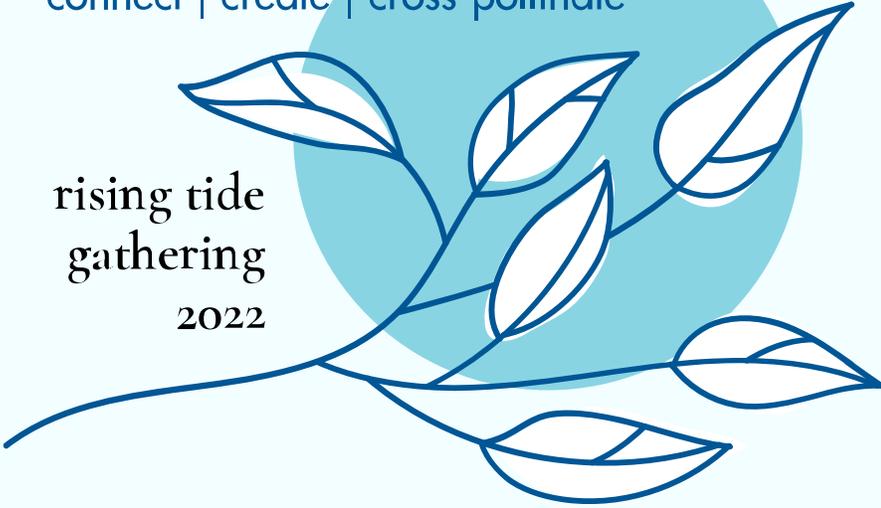


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2022



2022 Gathering Ripple Report

On May 9 & 10, the global, open mikveh movement gathered virtually for two days to connect, co-create & cross-pollinate



96%

of participants **made a meaningful connection** with someone new

86%

of participants gained **new ideas**, strategies and **resources** for their mikveh work



92%

of participants felt a **sense of belonging**

82

attendees from

6

countries and

24

states

*“The movement is growing. **Rising Tide is truly trying to move the needle and serve constituencies.** There is always something new to learn about mikveh.”*

“You gathered a really **powerful collection of voices** together, which was both inspiring and impressive, and folks who are **making meaningful change**. That breadth was very exciting, from presenters to participants, representing **interesting new voices** in this space.”

Featured Speakers & Facilitators



Haviva Ner-David
Shmaya: A Mikveh for Mind, Body, and Soul



Anita Diamant
Author & Founder of Mayyim Hayyim



Adina Poupko
Natan Fund



Laura Conrad Mandel
Jewish Arts Collaborative



Carrie Bornstein
Mayyim Hayyim



Rabbi Adina Allen
Jewish Studio Project



Rabbi Emily Barton
Mayim Rabim - Louis and Marilyn Hurwitz Community Mikveh



Rabbi Miriam Berger
Wellspring Project UK



Rebekah Erev
Queer Mikveh Project



Erica Riddick
Jews of Color Sanctuary



Claudia Horwitz
Rise Up



Ilana Kaufman
Jews of Color Initiative



Mollie Kostka
Jewish Artist



Naomi Malka
Adas Israel Community Mikvah



Stacy Rosenthal
Stein Family Community Mikveh



Yoshi Silverstein
Mitsui Collective



Naomi Sobel
Social Change Fundraiser



Kyla Sokoll-Ward
AJU Community Mikveh



Rabbi Dr. Jenny Solomon
Libi Eir Awakened Heart Community Mikveh



Cantor Rachel Stock Spilker
Maayanot Community Mikveh of Minnesota

Program Highlights



“The sessions were **inspiring and practical.**”

“I learned a lot about **ways to teach kids about mikveh** and help them experience mikveh on their level.”

“I loved the **mix of learning modalities**, networking opportunities, and spiritual moments.”

“I learned **what it takes to start a community mikveh** (funding, outreach, cost, etc.) and how to rethink possibilities for **inclusive** mikva’ot.”

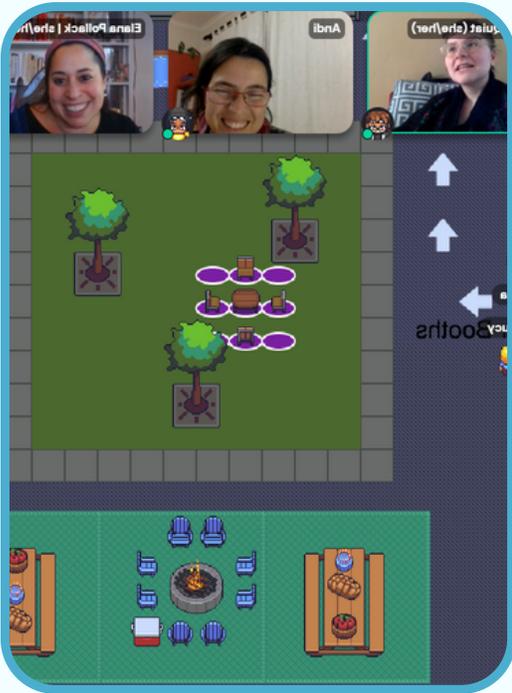
“The **text study** was very rich, my *chevruta* and I had great conversations, **I loved making art** inspired by the text.”

“The programming and collective presence was **soul fulfilling** and inspiring.”

“I came away **enthused** to keep working on my own mikveh initiative, along with **more information and inspiration** for the process ahead.”



“Before the Rising Tide Gathering, I felt like an island. Now I feel like part of a community.”



Diving Deeper, Together

“I appreciated the connections with others. Mikveh people tend to be **creative, wise, and generous**, and I love being in their presence.”



“In a mikveh ritual landscape that can sometimes feel lonely, it is invigorating to share experiences with open mikveh devotees from around the globe.”

– Sarah Barnett
*The United Jewish Community
of the Virginia Peninsula*

“Excellent use of technology”

“I enjoyed the community and the passion that everybody brought to the table. I also **enjoyed the online event space**, even though I expected not to!”

Innovative Virtual Platforms

87%

of participants felt that **the virtual format** of the Gathering worked well



“The Rising Tide Network **Virtual Exhibit Hall** was a fun and professional way to both network and hear from others what mikveh means to them. I appreciate the opportunity to **find commonality** in our passion for Jewish learning and ritual.”



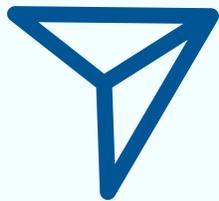
– Rabbi Rafi Cohen
Jewish Theological Seminary
Stream Level Sponsor

A great & powerful movement is forming. We all need to work together to get these mikva'ot in the ground.

Future of the Mikveh Movement

92%

of participants feel more connected to **a global mikveh movement** as a result of the Gathering



88%

of participants will **share about the Rising Tide Network** with others

Mikveh Makers' Next Steps:

- Enroll in Seven Steps Online Mikveh Guide Training
- Launch a new art gallery & youth program at their mikveh
- Bring new ideas & confidence to potential funder meetings
- Assess & improve equity and inclusion practices
- Share about mikveh with others



A mikveh is a place for transformation, healing, and renewal.

The Rising Tide Open Waters Mikveh Network is working to make mikveh immersions possible for **everyone in the Jewish community.**



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