

RIPPLE REPORT
HIGHLIGHTS & IMPACTS FROM
THE RISING TIDE & KAVOD V'NICHUM'S
CONVENING IN APRIL 2025

**FLOWING
TOGETHER**



**WATER, RITUAL &
SACRED COMMUNITY**

April 7, 2025 | Newton, MA

A PROJECT OF KAVOD V'NICHUM AND THE RISING TIDE NETWORK



RISING TIDE
OPEN WATERS MIKVEH NETWORK

AN INITIATIVE OF
 **Mayyim Hayyim**
LIVING WATERS



Kavod v'Nichum

our first collaborative conference



114 participants

49 in person

66 online

22 U.S. states

6 countries

Mikveh Guides, Chevra Kadisha volunteers, clergy, students, Jewish professionals, Rabbinical School Students, Funders, lay leaders & educators came together to learn, connect & collaborate across open mikveh and community Chevra Kadisha movements.



WORKSHOPS

Keynote

A conversation with Anita Diamant, Founder of Mayyim Hayyim and Author of Saying Kaddish

Morning

Showing Love to Those Who Lovingly Give to Our Communities

with Bev Klau and Barbara Neustadt

A Gender-Expansive Approach to Tahara and Mikveh

with Soreh Ruffman, Eli Sobel, and Rivka Nechemya Thrope

Afternoon

Flowing Together: Commonalities between Mikveh and Taharah

with Linda Goodspeed and Becca Heisler

Sacred Waters, Sacred Care: Reflections from Mikveh & Chevra Kadisha Volunteers

with Stephanie Levin, Sivan Piatagorsky-Roth, Marcy Lidman and Kevin Tsukroff

Tahor and Tamei with Aki Yonekawa



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“Wonderful connections to thoughtful, intentional, skilled future partners and collaborators!”

“Amazing synergy!”

“Continue to intertwine our work across mikveh and tahara. Two powerful and sacred movements”

-Flowing Together
Participants

100%

of in-person participants
felt energized about
future collaboration
across communities.

85%

built
meaningful
connections
across
Chevra
Kadisha and
Mikveh
communities

100%

of in-person participants gained practical
tools and new ideas to bring back to their
community.





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