RIVER AS MIKVA

Rivers as Kosher Mikva

Rivers are only *kosher mikva*s when spring-fed. A river is a *kosher mikva* if it exists year round (not like a *wadi*, which is frequently dry and only flows after rainfall).

Hot Springs as Mikva

Here are requirements for a hot spring as a *mikva*:

1. The temperature may not be above 98° F.
2. If the spring and immersing area are separate, any pipes used to bring water into the immersing area from the spring must be at least 3" in diameter. Consult a *rabbi*.
3. The *mikva* area must contain at least 40 *seah* of the spring water.
4. The *mikva* area must be hewn of rock or poured concrete, etc., but may not be prefabricated in one piece, like a hot tub.
5. The water may not reach the *mikva* area via a pump.

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