

Dear Friend,

If you are not a member, we invite you to join us in creating a Jewish community that is welcoming, inclusive, spiritual, and committed to social justice.

Entering our 21ST year, we feel blessed to have found others who are seeking meaningfulness and joy within this ancient tradition.

We welcome you.

B'Shalom



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Founder and Director

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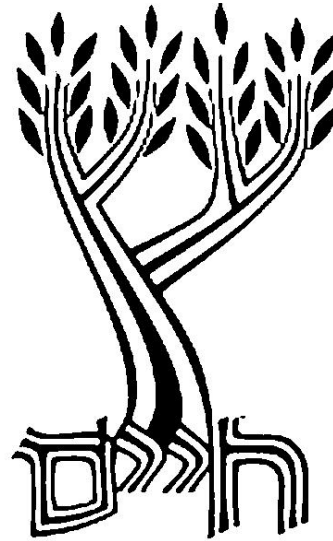
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Am Kolel

Renewal Community & Retreat Center



Membership
Year
5771

Am Kolel

A Renewal Center

Am Kolel is an independent Jewish community dedicated to Jewish renewal by addressing spiritual needs in a welcoming, inclusive community and responding to issues facing society with a progressive Jewish presence.

Am Kolel means "an inclusive people." We celebrate the spiritual warmth of Judaism in a form that is joyful and personal.

- We are egalitarian.
- We welcome intermarried families.
- We are committed to improving community relations between Jewish and non-Jewish groups.
- We are dedicated to *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world.

Am Kolel administers the Network of Independent Jewish Communities and Havurot of DC, VA & MD. We are members of Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal; the National Havurah Committee; Interfaith Works; Montgomery Countryside Alliance, The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and Shomrei Adamah

Am Kolel was founded in 1990 by David Shneyer, a Jewish educator and Rabbi. Please visit our website or call the office at (301) 349-2799 for further information, schedule of events, and opportunities to become involved.

Funding comes from dues, programs, donations, grants, and fees for service.

Am Kolel is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization

What Do We Do?

Shabbat & Holidays

- *Oneg* Shabbats
- Shabbat morning services & Kiddush lunch
- Jewish holiday celebrations

Continuing Education

- Classes in Jewish thought and practice
- Seminars
- Scholar-in-Residence lectures
- *Shabbatons* at Sanctuary Retreat Center (www.sanctuaryretreatcenter.com)
- Martin Buber Kibbutz for Youth
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah facilitation.
- High School program with Kehila's *Machon*
- Provide resources/speakers for Jewish/non-Jewish groups

Tikkun Olam (repairing the world)

- Support for *Jews United for Justice* (JUFJ)
- Support *Health Care for All*
- Involved in *Interfaith Works*, which advocates for and provides help to those at risk
- Support projects promoting peace in the Middle East and elsewhere
- Growing vegetables for Manna Food Center & shelters

We also provide

- Support and information for inter-marriage and others in non-traditional Jewish relationships
- Spiritual Guides for all lifecycle events
- *Ma'agal Mekudash*: a monthly Renewal circle for spiritual growth.
- Newsletter, website and learning resources
- Consultation on matters of community concern
- Funeral arrangements as part of the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington
- Pardes Am Kolel - our own cemetery section at Garden of Remembrance.
- Sanctuary Retreat Center for the community at large.
- Sponsor the Jewish Folk Arts Festival

One Year Membership 5771 (2010 - 2011)

FULL MEMBERSHIP

Household: \$920 Individual: \$460

- Membership in the Am Kolel Havurah
- High Holiday tickets for 2011 (2 for a household membership / 1 for individual membership)
- **Eligible for subsidies to Jewish educational and renewal conferences and retreats**
- **One free Open Shabbes stay at Sanctuary**
- Reduced fees for classes, seminars, concerts and retreats
- Newsletters & all mailings
- Weekly e-letter and up-to-date information
- Voting privileges
- 10% Discount at the Am Kolel Bookstore
- Reduced fees for lifecycle events
- 20% Discount at Sanctuary Events

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Household: \$400 Individual: \$200

- May attend any Am Kolel program.
- Newsletters & all mailings
- Weekly e-letter and up-to-date information
- 10% Discounts at Sanctuary Events

Limited-Income Membership

We understand that some in our community are on a limited income. To inquire about payment schedules, please call the Am Kolel office at 301-349-2799.

Join/Renew Online

at

www.am-kolel.org