

Dear Friend,

We invite you to join us in creating a Jewish community that is welcoming, inclusive, spiritual, and committed to social justice.

Entering our 30<sup>th</sup> year, we feel blessed to have found others who are seeking meaningfulness and joy within this ancient tradition.

We welcome you.

B'Shalom

Rabbi David Shneyer

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# Am Kolel A Jewish Renewal Community



Membership  
Year  
5780  
2019 - 2020

# *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 social issues facing society with a progressive Jewish voice.

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 and same-sex couples.
- We are committed to being a safe & welcoming place for everyone.
- 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 and The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington.

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](http://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* (JUF)
- Support *Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council*
- Involved in *Interfaith Works*, which provides social services to residents of Montgomery County.
- 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
- Support for new communities
- Spiritual Guides for all lifecycle events
- 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

## One Year Membership 5780 (2019-2020)\*

### FULL MEMBERSHIP

**Household: \$1080      Individual: \$580**

- High Holiday tickets (2 for a household membership / 1 for individual membership)
- Eligible for subsidies to Jewish Renewal conferences and retreats
- One free Open Shabbes stay at Sanctuary
- Reduced fees for classes, seminars, concerts and retreats (discount dependent on event)
- Free consultation with Rabbi David Shneyer for all lifecycle concerns
- Weekly e-letter and up-to-date information
- 10% Discount at the Am Kolel Bookstore
- Reduced fees for lifecycle events
- Voting privileges

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

**Household: \$600      Individual: \$360**

- Invitations to all Am Kolel programs
- Weekly e-letter and up-to-date information
- Free consultation with Rabbi David Shneyer for all lifecycle concerns

### 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.*

*\*Calendar year is October 1 – September 30. If you join in the middle of the year, your dues will be pro-rated.*

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**Join or Renew Online at [www.am-kolel.org](http://www.am-kolel.org)**