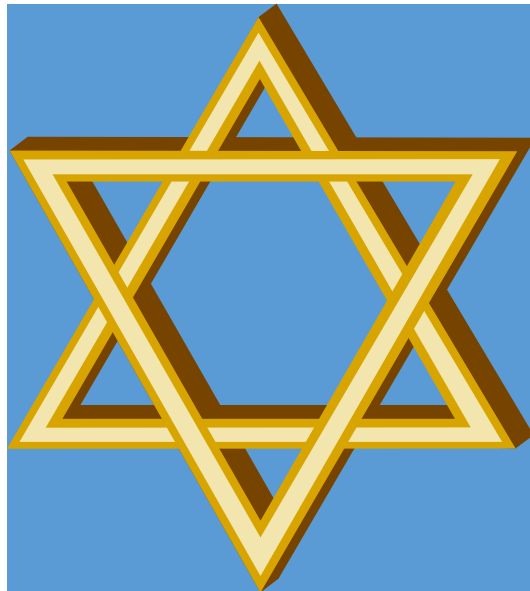


The Directory of
Independent Jewish Communities and Havurot

In Maryland, Washington DC and Virginia

2019/2020

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Hinei ma tov uma na-im

Shevet achim gam yachad

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity.**

Psalm 133:1

Updated September 25, 2019

INTRODUCTION

Since its inception in 1988, the Network of Independent Jewish Communities has committed itself to the following aims:

- 1) To provide a structure to share Judaic resources for independent Jewish congregations, havurot and alternative educational and cultural institutions in the Maryland, DC, and Virginia region.
- 2) To publish and distribute a directory of independent Jewish communities.
- 3) To advocate for new and independent Jewish groups within the organized Jewish community.
- 4) To organize periodic conferences for its members and others on issues affecting life and community today.
- 5) To lend its name and support to causes working on behalf of social justice. (Examples: affordable housing forums, Black-Jewish relations, gun control, Middle East peace, ecological concerns, etc.)

We hope this Directory can guide you to a group that reflects your interests and philosophy of life and Jewish community. If you find that distance or other circumstances make it impossible for you to connect with any of these groups, call us. If you are inclined to create your own Havurah or community and need some assistance, call us. If you find a community you want us to know about, call us.

The Network is presently housed by Am Kolel.

Life is with community.

Rabbi David Shneyer

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AM KOLEL

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Beallsville, MD 20839-3308
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Email: admin@am-kolel.org

Website: www.am-kolel.org

Spiritual Leader/Director: Rabbi David Shneyer
Am Kolel is an independent Jewish Renewal community dedicated to the renewal of Jewish life by addressing spiritual needs in a welcoming, inclusive community and responding to issues facing society with a progressive Jewish presence.

AM KOLEL SANCTUARY RETREAT CENTER

Management team, initial contact: Cyndi Leitner

Phone: 301-349-2799

Email: offmgr@am-kolel.org

Website: www.sanctuaryretreatcenter.com

Sanctuary Retreat Center open to all. Weddings, Retreats, Family Reunions, Spiritual Groups, Youth Groups, B'nai Mitzvah.

BET MISHPACHAH

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1410
Washington, DC 20013

Community meets at:

Washington DC Jewish Community Center
1529 16th Street N.W., Washington DC, 20036

Email: administrator@betmish.org

Website: www.betmish.org

Spiritual Leader: Rabbi Jake Singer-Beilin

rabbi@betmish.org

President: David Schwarz

LGBTQ synagogue (all are welcome); weekly Friday evening kabbalat Shabbat; Saturday morning service on second and fourth Saturday of the month; annual High Holy Days services.

BETH CHAI CONGREGATION

6301 River Road
Bethesda MD 20817
Phone: 240-321-9737
Fax: 775-255-8210

Email: info@bethchai.org

Website: www.bethchai.org

Spiritual Leader: Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen
President: Rob Rosenberg
Jewish Humanist: monthly Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat; Sunday School for children from pre-school through post-mitzvah; individualized Bar/Bat Mitzvah; weekly adult education on Sunday mornings.

BETHESDA JEWISH CONGREGATION

6601 Bradley Boulevard
Bethesda, MD 20817-3042
Phone: 301-469-8636
Fax: 301-469-9529

Email: admin@bethesdaJewish.org

Website: www.bethesdajewish.org

Spiritual Leader: Rabbi Elhanah 'Sunny' Schnitzer
President: Sandra Walter
Weekly Friday evening kabbalat Shabbat; school.

DC MINYAN

Mailing address: P.O. Box 53291
Washington, DC 20009

Email: info@dcminyan.org

Website: www.dcminyan.org

Community Relations: Zachary Stern

Education: Laura Yares

DC Minyan is a traditional egalitarian Jewish community. Weekly Shabbat services; life cycle events.

EAST BANK HAVURAH

2401 Diana Rd
Baltimore, MD 21209
Phone: 410-764-6476

Email: SJSiegel613@gmail.com

Website: Meetup.com/East-Bank-Havurah

Contact: Stephen Siegel

Havurah; alternate week evening, morning Shabbat services; monthly study; holidays.

FABRANGEN CHEDER COMMUNITY

Website: www.chedercommunity.org
Membership Coordinator: Moira McDonald
Email: chedercommunity@gmail.com
Contact: Neal Cohen, President
nealscohen@gmail.com
Phone: 301-270-1092
Sunday Education.

FABRANGEN HAVURAH IN DC

7750 16th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20012
Phone/Fax: 202-595-9138
Email: coordinator@fabrangen.org
Website: www.Fabrangen.org
Contact: Elena Rodriguez, Coordinator
Havurah; weekly Shabbat morning service; monthly Friday evening kabbalat Shabbat; High Holiday services; Tzedakah Collectives.

FABRANGEN WEST IN VA

Saturday morning on the 2nd Saturday of each month from September- June, in a cozy living room in Vienna, VA, followed by a vegetarian potluck lunch.
Please RSVP to John & Bracha Laster by emailing: fabwest@fabrangen.org

FAUQUIER JEWISH CONGREGATION

Mailing address: PO Box 3162
Warrenton, VA 20188
Contact: Paula Rabkin
Community meets at:
St. James Episcopal Church, 73 Culpeper St.
Warrenton, VA 20186
Phone: 540-341-1844
Email: fauquierjc@gmail.com
Website: www.fauquierjewishcongregation.org
Spiritual Leader: Rabbah Arlene Berger
President: Brian Krause
Growing as the Jewish population of Fauquier and surrounding counties grows; services about once a month with holiday observances; High Holiday services; Sunday School; welcoming, small, friendly congregation.

FORT BELVOIR JEWISH CONGREGATION

C/O Office of the Staff Chaplain
5950 12th St
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5539
Phone: 703-806-3393
Fax: 703-805-3342
Email: rabbirandybrown@gmail.com
Website:
www.belvoir.army.mil/mainchapel/JewishCongregation/
Spiritual Leader: Rabbi Randy Brown
We offer regular Friday evening services at 7:30pm. Our Saturday service is once a month and we have regular holiday dinner and celebrations.

JEWISH STUDY CENTER

5614 Connecticut Ave. NW #180
Washington DC 20015
Phone: 202-332-1221
Email: info@jewishstudycenter.org
Website: www.jewishstudycenter.org
Contact: Zev Lewis
Adult Jewish education; offers eight-session beginner and intermediate courses; catalog available on website.

KEHILA CHADASHA

President: George Strumpf
Phone: 301-681-4528
Membership Chairs: Kavita Berger and Adrienne Noti
Email: membership@e-kehila.org
Website: www.e-kehila.org
Spiritual Leader: Rabbi David Shneyer
Havurah; monthly Friday evening kabbalat Shabbat; Sunday school; social action, open High Holiday services led by Rabbi David Shneyer.

MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

Mailing address: PO Box 10573
Rockville, MD 20849
Community meets at:
Robert Frost Middle School
9201 Scott Drive, Rockville, Maryland
Phone: 240-720-9711
Email: msfje@yahoo.com
Contact: Felice Kobilinsky
Website: www.msfje.org
The Maryland School for Jewish Education serves the Washington DC metro area and provides students

with an education about their Jewish heritage, customs and traditions.

MINYAN ONEG SHABBAT

4108 Military d. NW
Washington DC 20015
Phone: 202-362-3270

Email: minyanonegshabbat@gmail.com

Website: www.minyanonegshabbat.org

Spiritual Leader: Rabbi Mark Novak

At: Rebmarko@gmail.com

Minyan Oneg Shabbat promotes Judaism as spiritual practice. Fostering spiritual inquiry and discernment.

NEW SYNAGOGUE PROJECT

Email: info@newsynagogueproject.org

Website: newsynagogueproject.org

Spiritual Leader & Contact: Rabbi Joseph Berman
rabbi@newsynagogueproject.org

Mailing address: PO Box 43153, Washington, DC 20010

The New Synagogue Project is building a spiritually vibrant, radically inclusive synagogue that reflects our vision for a world of justice, equity, and liberation. Our community is being created by and for families with kids, couples and single people, queer and trans people, interfaith families, Jews of color and white Jews, Jews from many religious and secular backgrounds, and anyone interested in exploring and experiencing Jewish life. Our congregation gathers for Shabbat each week in churches located in Columbia Heights and Petworth.

OLNEY KEHILA

P.O. Box 852
Olney, MD 20830-0852
Phone: (301) 200-1818

Email: olneykehila@gmail.com

Spiritual Leader: Rabbah Arlene Berger

Website: www.olneykehila.org

SHIRAT HANEFESH (Song of the Soul)

Mailing address:

PO Box 8681 Silver Spring, MD 20907-8681

Community meets at:

North Chevy Chase Christian Church

8814 Kensington Pkwy, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Phone: 240-292-9450

Email: info@shirathanefesh.org

Website: www.shirathanefesh.org

Spiritual Leader: Rabbi Gilah Langner

Musical Shabbat and Holiday Services, social action, adult classes, and Saturday morning classes for students from age 6 to 11, and bnei mitzvah classes.

SIXTH & I HISTORIC SYNAGOGUE

600 I St, NW

Washington DC 20001

Phone: 202-408-3100

Senior Rabbi: Shira Stutman

Director of Accounting and Administration: Irella Lawless

Email: ilawless@sixthandi.org

Website: www.sixthandi.org

Sixth and I celebrates intersections – the unexpected places where Jewish and secular culture meet.

SHORESHIM

Mailing address: P.O. Box 2516

Reston, VA 20195

Phone: 571-445-0563

Co- Presidents: Amy Joyce, Deb Kamins

Email: info@restonshoreshim.org

Website: www.restonshoreshim.org

Havurah; monthly Kabbalat Shabbat; annual High Holiday services; school; adult seminars; tzedakah fund and projects.

TIKKUN LEIL SHABBAT

Email: tikkunleilshabbat@yahoo.com

Website: www.tikkunleilshabbat.org

Songful, soulful, Sabbath services featuring a teaching about a social justice issue and followed by a potluck vegetarian dinner