



Mission Statement

The Aleph Institute is a not-for profit Jewish religious, educational, and humanitarian organization serving the Jewish community. We offer a multitude of services to Jewish men and women confined and their families, focused on the premise that “no Jew is forgotten” and that “no Jew is alone.”

ALEPH INSTITUTE Jewish Chaplains Conference A Second Chance

Conference Mission

The Aleph Institute founded its Regional Jewish Prison Chaplains Conference in 2009 to provide a hands-on training environment for the volunteers and chaplains who provide services to Jewish inmates, their families and those in the process of reentry to society. The Aleph Institute values the unique and distinctive contributions of each and every person who seeks to help, counsel, support and work with the special population entrusted by the community to The Aleph Institute's care.

In recent years, significant data has come to light which attests to the positive effects of individual mentoring and individual training for those re-entering society. The need to train and qualify a greater number of individuals to be able to volunteer in the prisons and help inmates is evident. It's important that interested volunteers be provided the essential tools to effect a lasting change on this population. The primary objective of the Regional Jewish Prison Chaplains Conference is to provide these tools to interested chaplains and volunteers.

Our conference welcomes those who possess extensive experience working with inmates and those with no experience at all, and every level of experience in between. Sessions at the conference include training for those with little practice in the prison ministry arena, but who are beginning to assist the unique population Aleph services. The conference provides basic training for these beginner volunteers and an opportunity to interact one-on-one with trained professionals who have many years of experience working with inmates.



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Your interest, time
and dedication will
make a difference
for those alone

Become an Advocate

Join Aleph Institute's advocacy program, to ensure that those with no voice are heard, that we as a community care about the religious rights and freedoms of those who cannot speak up.

There is a desk at Aleph where you can make a difference.

Register & Information
Online at: www.alephne.org/conference.
Accommodations available.

Certificate
Conference participants will receive a certificate for up to 12 hours of in-service training.

2018 Conference Schedule

Sunday April 29, 2018

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch – Welcome

1:30 – 3:00 Breakout sessions

- PA DOC REP – Rev. Ulli Klemm, Director of religious for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections: Issues facing the Jewish men and women incarcerated. Concerns you would like to see addressed, for the holidays or throughout the year.

- OHIO DOC REP - Dr. Mike Davis, Director of religious for the Ohio Department of Corrections: Issues facing the Jewish men and women incarcerated. Concerns you would like to see addressed, for the holidays or throughout the year.

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:00 Breakout session

- Marshall Dayan Esq. – Adjunct Professor U. of Pittsburgh School of Law, Asst. Fed. Defender – Capital Unit – Giving hope to the Jewish men and women, what legal suggestions, and how do we direct them.

- Mike Pasternak— with the heightened drug use and abuse in society today, we have asked Mike to once again, concerns and issues Rabbi and volunteer visiting the prisons should know, and give them the tools to address those concerns.

4:00 – 4:15 Break

4:15 – 5:00 Breakout Sessions

- LAUNCH OF NEW PROGRAM Rabbi Manis Friedman and Rabbi Yochanan Friedman – Happiness| Existing vs. Living – Self-help tools to teach men and women incarcerated. This program has been demonstrated successfully in the California prison system as a pilot program, with successful outcomes.

5:00 – 5:15 Picture in front of Aleph

5:30 – 6:30 – Dinner for participants

7:00 PM Symposium -Main Event at Beth Shalom—Social

Hall 5715 Beacon Street

- Welcome, Marty Davis, Chairman of the board
- Rev. Ulli Klemm, Greetings from PA DOC central of ce.
- Dr. Mike Davis, Greetings from the OH DOC.
- Judge Joy Conti Flowers, Incarceration and Re-entry, the
- Marshall Dayan, “crime and punishment in the United States” Keynote.
- Closing Remarks; Rabbi Vogel, Aleph Institute

MONDAY April 30, 2018

8:30 – 9:15 Breakfast

9:15 – 10:45 Breakout Session

- Brian D. Helfrich - PA Board of Probation Regional Director. Concerns and issues PA Parole faces and information Rabbis and community volunteer should know.
- Rabbi Chayim Friedman — Prison Chaplaincy – With years of experience in prison Chaplaincy, Rabbi Friedman will discuss the daily routine in prison, and discuss dos and don'ts in prison ministry.

10:45 - 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:30 Breakout Sessions

- Mrs. Stephanie Small – JFCS ‘services available in the community for those re-entering society and families left behind.
- Tami Hooker – FCPD SCI Greene – will talk to working with the state FCPD’s (Chaplaincy Director in the prisons), understanding the chaplains concerns and understating the system.

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 Breakout Sessions

- Rabbi Yitzchak Hanoka — Tri-State Rabbinic Coordinator OK Kosher Certification. Keeping kosher in prison, what to eat in a non-kosher environment.

3:00 – 3:45 Roundtable discussion, plans for 2018; Programs at Aleph Institute, input and planning.

All programs take place at The Aleph Institute unless marked otherwise.

Marshall L. Dayan

Marshall Dayan was born in Miami, Florida, and raised in Macon, Georgia. He was awarded a B.A. degree from the University of Georgia, and received his J.D. in 1986 from Antioch School of Law.

Dayan has been actively involved in the anti-death penalty movement since 1981. He was staff attorney with the North Carolina Resource Center for seven years, an assistant appellate defender for the State of North Carolina for three years, and in August, 2001, became an Assistant Professor of Law at North Carolina Central University School of Law. In June, 2006, Dayan became State Strategies Coordinator of the national ACLU’s Capital Punishment Project, which relocated from Washington, D.C. to Durham, N.C. After a year with the ACLU-CPP, Dayan joined the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Defender’s Office in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he serves as an Assistant Federal Public Defender. He is also an adjunct professor at Pitt Law School, where he teaches a capital punishment class.

Dayan has had published several law review articles on the death penalty in various journals, and has also written several pieces on capital litigation for The Champion, the magazine of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has served as Chair of the Board of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, as President of the NC-based People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, and as Vice-Chair on the Commission on Social Action for Reform Judaism, a national policy-making board for the Union of Reform Judaism. He also served as co-Chair of the board of Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. He is Vice-President of the Pittsburgh chapter of Pennsylvania ACLU and on its legal committee. He is active in the Jewish community, having served as President of the board of the Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee. He also serves as Vice-President of board of trustees of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Cheswick, PA.