



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 POST COVID TOOLS

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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10-11 Tammuz, 5781
June 20-21, 2021

THE ALEPH INSTITUTE

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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.

THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA REED EDDY



THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA REED EDDY was sworn in to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania as a United States Magistrate Judge on October 20, 2011. Judge Eddy became the Chief Magistrate Judge in 2018. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Eddy graduated, cum laude and Order of the Coif, from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1982. She earned an L.L.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University School of Law in 1986. She served as a law clerk to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia and in the United States Tax Court. Judge Eddy was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Pennsylvania for five years, where she prosecuted financial and corporate crimes. She was an associate at Morgan, Lewis and Bockius in Washington, D.C., a director at Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. in Pittsburgh, and, for ten years, a named partner at Johnson & Eddy, LLC.

Judge Eddy's special judicial interests include participating as a volunteer judge on Bridges Court, which is a diversion court for federal criminal defendants with addiction issues. Judge Eddy organizes and moderates an annual symposium on domestic abuse issues. She is an active participant of the Allegheny County Bar Association and has presented numerous CLE programs, including the annual Third Circuit Review program. Judge Eddy teaches a course as an adjunct law professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law on white collar crime.

2021 Conference Schedule

Sunday, June 20th, 2021

12:00-1:30 Lunch & Welcome

1:30- 2:30 Breakout Sessions

PA DOC REP–Rev. Ulli Klemm, Director of religious services, 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 services, 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

2:30- 2:45 Break

2:45- 3:45 Rabbi Yisroel Altein – Chabad of Squirrel Hill, Lock and Key: What's the Point of Prison?

A quick glance at the statistics suggests an uncomfortable truth: modern-day societies imprison people at a rate unparalleled, and indeed unimaginable, in past times. Why is this so? Why do we lock people up, and what do we hope to achieve by doing so? Does the purpose of prison always outweigh the cons of conviction? This lecture will consider and contrast secular and Talmudic theories of criminal justice.

3:45-4:45 Rabbi Leibel Scheinbaum, SCI Albion Crisis in prison, Covid and lessons to learn

4:45 Picture in front of Aleph

5:00 - 6:30 Dinner

6:30- 7:00 Symposium Reception, Community Partner

Tables - at: Shaare Torah Congregation - Social Hall, 2319 Murray Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

7:00- 9:00 Symposium

Monday, May 20th, 2019

8:30 - 9:15 am Breakfast

9:15 -10:45 am Breakout Sessions

Denise Weaver & Timothy Ross - PA Board of Probation Parole during Covid, how parole will look and work post covid.

10:45 - 11:15 am Break

11:15 - 12:30 pm Rabbi Yisroel Altein – Chabad of S.H., Clean Slate: How Do Criminals Make Amends?

What is the ultimate aim of the criminal justice system? If society seeks restitution for crimes and rehabilitation for criminals, it needs a better plan. It must consider what rehabilitation looks like, for which offenders and offenses it is applicable, and how to ensure sentencing contributes to this end. This class examines the extensive, systematic program of repentance laid out in the Talmud and considers what insights this process holds for the above questions and present-day criminal rehabilitation. Finally, we look at sentencing programs that incorporate some of these elements in their pursuit of real rehabilitative justice.

12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 Mrs. Gail Kraut, Esq.

What changes Covid made in the criminal Justice system during Covid, what procedures will likely be implemented and as a Rabbi/clergy, what we should know.

3:00 - 3:45 2022 conference planning; Programs at Aleph.

All programs take place at The Aleph Institute (unless marked).