



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

Annual Jewish Chaplains Conference

Anti Semitism

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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No One Alone,
No One Forgotten.



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11-12 Iyar, 5784
May 19-20, 2024

THE ALEPH INSTITUTE

www.alephne.org/conference

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.

Mr. Marshal Dayan, Esq. Former US Public Defender



Marshall L. Dayan was born in Miami, Florida and grew up in Macon, Georgia. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia in 1984, and his J.D. from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. in 1986. After two years at a small law firm in Washington, D.C., where he represented Virginia and Florida death row inmates on a pro bono basis, Dayan became the staff attorney for the North Carolina Death Penalty Resource Center in January, 1988. After ten years with the Resource Center and the North Carolina Office of the Appellate Defender, Dayan went into the private practice of law in Durham, North Carolina, where he continued to engage in capital litigation at all stages from trial through post-conviction. He became a visiting professor of Constitutional Law at North Carolina Central University School of Law in August, 2001, and served as Assistant Professor of Law through Spring Semester, 2006, when he accepted the position with the national ACLU Capital Punishment Project. Dayan served on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty from Fall 1991 to Summer 1997, and served as Chair of the Board of that organization for two years. He also served as President of the North Carolina-based People of Faith Against the Death Penalty. He served for several years on various Commissions on Social Action. In 1998 he received the Paul Green Award for his efforts to abolish the death penalty in North Carolina from the ACLU of North Carolina and the Paul Green Foundation. In 2003, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

He has been a friend and volunteer of Aleph Institute for many years. His counsel and guidance have gained him

2024 Conference Schedule

Sunday, May 19th, 2024

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 incarcerated Jewish men and women.

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 incarcerated Jewish men and women.

Concerns you would like to see addressed, for the holidays or throughout the year.

2:30- 2:45 Break

2:45 - 3:15 Mrs. Judy Danenberg, Aleph Institute – Shifra Program, Ms. Lisa Diodoti, Aleph Institute - Reentry Program:

Resources in the community for Jewish men and women as they re-enter society.

3:45 - 4:45 Mrs. Shawn Brokos, Director Of Community Security - United Jewish Federation - Pittsburgh.

Given the rise in antisemitism in the US, how do we prepare those returning to society, what should they expect and how do we prepare them.

4:45 Picture in front of Aleph

5:00 - 6:30 Dinner

6:30- 9:00 Symposium Reception, Community Partner Tables & Symposium- at: Poale Zedeck - Social Hall, 6318 Phillips Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Monday, May 20th, 2024

8:30 - 9:15 am Breakfast

9:15 -10:00 am Mr. Brian Helfrich – Director PA Board of Probation

Update with info for the Rabbis, when dealing with parole.

10:00 -10:45 AM Mrs. Stefanie Small, LCSW, Director of Clienial Services, Jewish Family and Childrens Service Pittsburgh

Trauma of Anitsemitsim n the community, what services are available to the Rabbis, inmates families and the community at large. Tools the Rabbis should use during these difficult times.

10:45 - 11:15 am Break

11:15 - 12:30 pm Rabbis Admon & Kolakowski

Antisemitism in Prison? What is a healthy relationship between Chaplains and inmates and between Chaplains and other staff members?

Passover with new memo. Yom Kippur memo.

Should the Seder be community program or individual.

Rabbi Admon serves as the facilitator for the Gesher Hachaim Burial Society of Greater Pittsburgh.

12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 Mr. David Korman, Esq. Aleph Institute legal advocate & Ms. Alexandra Morgan Kurtz Pennsylvania Institute Law Project.

Legal issues relating to the practice of religion in the prison.

3:00 - 3:45 2025 Conference planning; programs at Aleph.

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