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Why attend The Kollel Institute?

AUTHENTICITY

Perhaps the most unique aspect of the Institute is that all classes are taught using primary source texts. All of our materials are designed to give you the student the ability to see the primary text so that rather than simply hearing an idea, you see it for yourself. This method gives the student the opportunity to wrestle with the text and see it in its proper context. All materials are translated and organized to make them accessible to students of all levels.

COMPREHENSIVENESS

Many Jews feel that there are gaps in their knowledge of some area of Judaism. While we all have areas where we are comfortable, we all feel that a comprehensive in-depth understanding in all areas of Jewish knowledge would truly make a difference. The Kollel Institute was designed with this in mind. The Institute will give you a grounding in the most essential areas of Jewish history, philosophy, and practice, as well as a solid grounding in the entire text of the Torah.

The Kollel Institute is now a growing international program which provides a comprehensive system of Jewish adult education offering classes in the following cities:

- > ATLANTA
- > BOCA RATON
- > CALGARY
- > COLUMBUS
- > DENVER
- > LOS ANGELES
- > MIAMI
- > MILWAUKEE
- > PHOENIX
- > PITTSBURGH



A comprehensive system of in-depth Jewish literacy.

- > Jewish Thought
- > Jewish History
- > Jewish Living
- > The Book



Who attends the Kollel Institute?

No specific Judaic background is required. Classes consist of Jews of all educational backgrounds and with varying degrees of affiliation. Attendees range in age from young adults to retirement age. The classes are designed to be enriching and meaningful for all Jews regardless of background.



"A major highlight of my week is attending the Kollel Institute on Wednesday evenings. The Rabbis at the Kollel are truly amazing. They share their love of Judaism and the Jewish people in a way that makes it very easy to talk to them about a wide variety of topics. The Institute is helping me to better understand my heritage and what it means to be a Jew. I was raised in a Jewish home and went to Hebrew School but have never enjoyed learning about Jewish History and religion as much as I do now. I highly recommend this class to anyone who wants to learn more about Judaism and the history of the Jewish people."

— Murray Pelta

"Education and learning is what Kollel Institute provides to our community, addressing numerous interests through a wide range of courses. We have experienced a most wonderful learning journey filled with curiosity, knowledge, and interactions amongst the teachers and pupils. With many questions and deeper interests remaining – we feel that our lives are more meaningful and our minds and hearts more at peace."

— Alek & Halina Szlam

"The Kollel Institute is a gift we give ourselves. The rabbis guide us to embrace Judaism at our own level and pace. They share their joy of Judaism in a unique non-judgmental manner that encourages us to grow and to learn more about ourselves and our relationship with G-d."

— Lynda Walker



Atlanta Scholars Kollel
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LEARN SOMETHING NEW

and life changing about

- > Jewish Thought
- > Jewish History
- > Jewish Living
- > The Book

The Kollel Institute offers you:

- > Fluency in the most important areas of Jewish life, thought, and history.
- > A clear knowledge of the entire Torah.
- > A clear grasp of the essentials of Jewish thought.
- > A comprehensive overview of Jewish history from Abraham to modern times.



Atlanta Classes are held on Wednesday evenings at the Kollel Dome – 5237 Tilly Mill Rd., Dunwoody.

Classes in Atlanta run from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Each session consists of two 50-minute classes with a break between the two.

NOW IN OUR FIFTH YEAR!
Each semester of The Kollel Institute is approximately 7 weeks in length. The Kollel Institute runs until 2 weeks prior to Passover and includes pauses for calendar holidays.

SEMESTER 1: BEGINS OCTOBER 14, 2009

For more information: Please contact the Atlanta Kollel office at: 404-321-4085, or visit the Atlanta Kollel website: www.atlantakollel.org

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What is the Curriculum?

The curriculum of the Kollel Institute consists of four modules over the course of three years, the combination of which is intended to give you a comprehensive knowledge of the primary areas of Judaic thought and scholarship.

JEWISH THOUGHT

Learn and understand the foundational ideas and concepts which form the basis for Judaic thinking through the ages. This module covers the Jewish approach to free will, suffering, the development of Jewish law, the afterlife, and more – all studied with authentic source texts and class discussion.

JEWISH HISTORY

Some of the most crucial aspects of Judaic self-knowledge stem from a clear understanding of Jewish history. This course covers the entire gamut of Jewish history, from Abraham all the way to the modern era.

JEWISH LIVING

Life as a Jew is greatly enriched by an understanding of the basic details and meanings of the rituals, customs, and observances of Jewish life. Learn the meaning of the holidays and their customs, understand the rituals which mark the passages of life, find the richness of the Jewish practices that suffuse our daily lives as Jews – all through the study of authentic text sources.

THE BOOK

The Torah is the foundational text of our people. For this reason, participants of the Kollel Institute are taken on a tour of the entire body of the Five Books of Moses. Learn about the essential personalities, events, and lessons of the entire Torah in a mere three years!

Jump in at any time...

While the Kollel Institute operates in a 3-year cycle, you can begin at the beginning of any year! The curriculum has been designed so that the material of each year is independent of the material taught in a previous year. Just jump in and stay for three years and you will complete the curriculum! Fall 2009 begins Year 3 of the cycle.

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Year 1

CORE BELIEFS:
Using the wisdom of our traditional texts, this unit explores some of the central questions of our existence. What is the meaning of life? Do we have free will? Why is there suffering?

JOSHUA TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SECOND TEMPLE:
The early period of Jewish settlement in Israel featured some of the most central characters and events which shaped Jewish identity and nationhood. Samson, Samuel, Ruth, David and many more. Events include the story of Chanukah, Purim, and the Babylonian exile.

THE JEWISH HOME:
Learn the facts about the many rituals and observances that make up life in a Jewish home. From Kosher to Shabbat, sexuality to prayer. Enrich your connection to Jewish living with a clear insight into these fundamental aspects of Jewish life.

This unit covers the creation to the twelve tribes. Learn all about the personalities, events, and lessons that shaped the early beginnings of our world, our people, and our destiny. From Adam to the twelve tribes, from Eve to Dinah. Events include creation, the flood, the binding of Isaac, and the unique family of the matriarchs and patriarchs. EXODUS - LEVITICUS: This dual unit covers a wide

Year 2

FUNDAMENTALS:
Understanding the development of heritage is foundational to living life as a Jew. What does a Jew believe? How is Jewish law formulated? Who wrote the texts of Torah wisdom and how is it applied?

ROMAN TIMES TO 1600s:
The period that spanned the Roman conquest of Israel until the 1600s saw the development of the Talmud, the Mishna, and many other central texts of Judaism. This period also featured the Gaonim, Jewish migration to Africa and Europe, the Crusades, the Inquisition, and the rise of Christianity.

HOLIDAYS:
Each Jewish holiday contains its own unique rituals and message. Learn the underlying meaning and purpose of each holiday and how its rituals enhance and enrich that message. Included are all major and minor holidays as well as the Jewish fast days.

range of topics such as the Exodus, Jewish civil law, the golden calf, the Temple service, and much, much more! This section of the Torah contains some of the laws and rituals most central to Jewish life. NUMBERS - DEUTERONOMY: This section covers the Jews' sojourn in the desert and their

Year 3

MYSTICISM:
Every soul yearns to connect to what it knows lies under the surface of this physical world. Jewish texts and sources give us great insight into the spiritual realms. Learn about the soul, afterlife, angels, Satan, reincarnation, and much more!

1600s TO MODERN TIMES:
The turbulent events of the last four millennia are the foundation of present day Jewish life. The Chmelnieki massacres, Shabtai Tzvi, the rise of Chassidism, the Mussar movement, Haskalah, the Holocaust, the State of Israel, and the Jewish reaction to Modernity.

CRADLE TO GRAVE:
Jewish tradition contains many rituals to help us celebrate and cope with lifecycle events. From Bris to Kaddish, this unit will explain and explore the various practices that Jews have used for centuries to enrich their passage through life.

arrival at the borders of Israel. Included are the Korach rebellion, the revolt of the spies, Moses' mistake, and much more!

GENESIS:

THE INSTRUCTORS



RABBI DANIEL FREITAG

is the Director of Programming for the Kollel Dome in Dunwoody. Rabbi Freitag's lectures and classes cover a wide range of Jewish topics ranging from contemporary issues and pop culture to Jewish philosophy and practice. Shabbat beginner services in his role as 'The Unintimidator' have a large following as well. Rabbi Freitag's activities include all aspects of Kollel Dome programming as well as numerous home groups and other unique study programs. Rabbi Freitag is a recovering Yankee fan. He enjoys cholent making, anti-missionary work, and premium orange juice.



RABBI BINYOMIN FRIEDMAN

teaches many lively Lunch and Learns at a variety of locations around Atlanta, as well as evening classes in the Kollel Dome. One of the original founders of ASK, the Friedmans arrived in Atlanta in 1987. In 1994 a group of ASK students from Dunwoody asked Rabbi Friedman to become the Rabbi of the newly formed Congregation Ariel in Dunwoody, a position he holds until this day. Rabbi Friedman is a native of Minneapolis, MN and he refuses to wear a winter coat in Atlanta.

REGISTRATION FORM

Find more information at www.KollelInstitute.com

YEARLY TUITION:
\$150 for one year
\$50 non-refundable registration fee. (Applied toward tuition when you pay remainder) Registrants are not committed to the entire 3-year program when enrolling. Call for information on scholarships.

SPECIAL DOUBLE REGISTRANT RATE
\$200 for two attendees registering together.
Any two people who register together are eligible for the special rate. The two need not be spouses or relatives. Just get a friend to join up with you, and you both get the special rate – you both pay only \$100 each. Make sure to check off the "Special Rate" box below and write in the name of the person who is co-registering. The second person must also send in a separate registration form.

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\$50 registration fee is due when registering.

Make checks payable to: ATLANTA SCHOLARS KOLLEL

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Detach Registration Form and mail with payment to:
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