

What Do We Do?

The Aleph Institute provides welcome relief for incarcerated Jewish men and women, their families, and those re-entering society from prisons.

Jewish prisoners and their families have traditionally been forgotten by society at large and especially neglected by the Jewish community where the number of incarcerated is significantly smaller than the jailed portion of the main-stream population.

The Aleph Institute advocates for the imprisoned Jewish population, believing that they too are an integral part of the Jewish community.

Aleph provides a holistic approach to caring for men and women during and post incarceration and working with their families.

Aleph will work with the Parole Board and halfway houses, providing assistance with accomodating your needs to attend services and be able to have your religious issues met at the facility and work with you on completing an acceptable home plan.

Please notify us of your pending release and to which facility as soon as you know.

Aleph Programs

- **Programs for the incarcerated Jewish men and women**
- **Programs for the family members of those incarcerated**
- **Programs for the children of those incarcerated**
- **Re-entry programs**
- **Advocacy programs**
- **Alternative to sentencing program**
- **Court fulfillment program**
- **Long term medical facility visitation**



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No One Alone,
No One Forgotten.

Re-Entry Programs

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- **Aleph House** Inmates in state institutions cannot be released to parole unless they have a home plan: a place they will live when they exit the prison. Unfortunately, many inmates have no place to call home, and therefore, are required in many cases to spend years and decades incarcerated longer until they provide an address which can be checked out by the parole officer. Aleph House opened in March 2000 with the help of a grant from the Jewish Family Assistance fund. It provides a home for inmates, thus giving them a chance to get out and obtain employment and begin a more productive life. Please contact our office for more information. This program operates on an individual basis.

- **Job Placement Program**

One of the greatest dilemmas that face Jewish inmates upon release from prison is the uncertainty of where to turn and who will hire them. They leave prison greatly disadvantaged; they are convicted felons and have been out of the work force for months, if not year, and usually begin with nothing but the shirt on their back. Aleph helps these individuals by assisting them to find employment.

- **Religious Counseling**

Returning to society can be confusing and traumatic. Religious counseling with the ex-inmate on a one to one basis eases their transition from prison to society.

- **Community Transition Program**

This program works with local Jewish agencies to provide free medical care, counseling services, clothes, and a host of community programs, providing the tools necessary for the individual to become a productive member of society.

- **Anonymous meetings**

There are weekly AA, NA, GA, and ALANON meetings held at the Aleph Institute. These meetings have proven a successful recourse for helping the tens of thousands of people afflicted with addictive behavior. For more information about these support groups, please visit their respective website; only they can speak on behalf of their programs. Aleph Institute is proud to host these meetings.

- **Lectures and Meetings**

Aleph has ongoing lectures and programs to help the ex-inmate or their family's transition into society and find resources available to them during that difficult time. These meetings are open to the public – there is no sign-in process.

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Who is eligible for services?

Aleph is a Jewish agency which provides programs to anyone Jewish, regardless of their observance or affiliation. However, we do not turn away anyone seeking help.

Is there something that we can do in prison?

Inmates and their families are encouraged to write to Aleph before their release, to help coordinate their release. Aleph will work with local half way houses and with the institutions to help provide a smooth transition.

Who will help me navigate the system when I get out?

Aleph will assign you a mentor who will work with you and help you navigate the system. These mentors are trained and have basic knowledge of the many available resources and are in contact and coached by community experts (Jewish Family & Children's Services).

After contacting Aleph, what should I do?

Recognize that you are a child of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and can achieve the greatest heights. It's up to you!