



JEWISH LIFE IN

HARRISBURG

PENNSYLVANIA





Keshet Israel

For over 100 years, Keshet Israel Congregation has been responsible for nurturing the growth of a vibrant Orthodox community in Harrisburg, PA. Keshet Israel remains dedicated to supporting the religious, spiritual, and educational needs of its members and to making the relevance and excitement of Orthodoxy accessible to others.

Guest speakers from around the world come to Harrisburg to participate in our many scholars-in-residence programs and every summer, for nearly 20 years, KI has been proud to sponsor a visiting Kollel program to enrich our Torah studies.

Through services, study groups, lectures, special events, holiday celebrations and youth activities, Keshet Israel offers daily opportunities to socialize with other members of the Jewish community, have our lives enhanced by Judaism, and experience the richness of our traditions.

Housing

For less than the cost of a small studio apartment in NYC, you can own a 5 BR, 2-1/2 bath, 3115 sq ft, single-family home in a beautiful neighborhood within the eruv. Harrisburg's low cost housing market consistently allows you to save money for other important things in your life.

In fact, Harrisburg's cost of living is 21.71% lower than the U.S. average.

- Average house in the month of April (2009) was \$159,000 (national avg. \$240,000). In New York City the average was 1.46 million!
- Current houses on the market in the eruv range from \$110,000- \$339,000 (average is <\$250,000). Cost per sq ft was approximately \$70-115/sq. ft.

Statistics from <http://realestate.aol.com>

Forbes.com ranked Harrisburg 12th in "America's Most Livable Cities" (2009)

Ranked 3rd in MSN.com's 2008 Real Estate Best Bargain Markets (2009)

Harrisburg named among Relocate-America's "100 Top Places to Live" for 2007



Employment

As the Capital of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, along with its surrounding areas, offers abundant job opportunities, particularly in areas of health care, allied health, finance, accounting, law, government, media, real estate, engineering, and other professional fields.

The State Government, our largest employer, provides stability to the economy and attracts attendant services. The area is also supported by many national and regional businesses, such as:

- Hershey Foods
- Hershey Entertainment & Resorts
- Harsco
- Pinnacle Health Systems
- Rite Aid Corporation
- Giant Food Corporation
- Capital Blue Cross
- Highmark Blue Shield
- Health America Pennsylvania
- Keystone Health Care Central
- Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
(University hospital/medical school)
- Penn State University Capital Campus
- Tyco Electronics
- Branches of Morgan Stanley, Edward D. Jones, and Charles Schwab
- Numerous law firms, accounting firms, and lobbying organizations

We realize that jobs are of key importance to anyone looking to relocate and feel it is a top priority in assisting people to look at Harrisburg as their potential new home. We can connect you with individuals in your field to help you explore local employment opportunities. An employment professional is also available to assist you.

Jewish Life

In today's economy, you can have a meaningful life as an Orthodox Jew without draining your bank account. Life in Harrisburg will offer the fulfillment you need at the cost you can afford...without taking out a second mortgage.

- *Mikveh*
- *Eruv*
- Quality Jewish Day School at a fraction of the cost of large city schools
- Local market with *kosher* bakery, fresh and frozen meats, cheese, and other specialty items.
- *Kosher* catering
- *Kosher* food-stand at Hersheypark
- *Kosher* dining facility through Franklin & Marshall College
- Daily *Mishna & Gemarah* Study
- *Shomer Shabbos* and *Shomer Kasbrus* JCC
- *Kosher* Assisted Living and Nursing Home

Boomtown's '06
Hottest Midsize
Cities ranked
Harrisburg at #15
for *Most Balanced
Economy and Growth*.
(2006, Inc.com)

Salary.com ranked
Harrisburg 4th most
"Profitable City for
Employees", out of
180 cities across the
nation. (April 2005)

Ranked 12th in
Kiplinger's Personal
Finance Magazine:
"Top 50 Smart Places
to Live" (June '06)



Education

From preschool through middle school, we have quality education under one roof.

Yeshiva Academy

The Rabbi David L. Silver Yeshiva Academy has been educating Jewish children for over 60 years. The school, founded by Rabbi David L. Silver z"l, is a *Torah Umesorah* affiliated school, grades pre-K through 8th grade. The Yeshiva has an excellent reputation for providing children with both a solid education and *menschlichkeit*. Graduates of the school excel at the high school level both in academics and in leadership skills. The Yeshiva educates our children in a family-like atmosphere where a child's individualized learning needs can be met. Children learn text-based Judaics while at the same time studying Modern Hebrew and Zionism. Children graduating our school go on to become honor students in highly competitive high schools. Classroom learning is supplemented with school shabbatons, field trips, a middle school trip to Israel and other special programs.

Early Learning Center (ELC) at the JCC

Whether your need is for day-care or preschool, full-time or part-time, the ELC is there to meet your needs. Children from all segments of the community come together in this nurturing Jewish environment. The ELC takes children as young as 6 weeks-old, but the real magic starts with classes of children turning 3 years old, where preschool materials are absorbed at an amazing rate in a fun and exciting environment that keeps the children excited for more. This cutting-edge program is in high demand and continues through pre-K, where a cooperative arrangement is in place with the Yeshiva's introductory class, *Ganeinu*.

High School

For over a decade, our high school aged children have actively been recruited by Jewish Day Schools in Baltimore where they have excelled academically. The door-to-door commute, through a trusted and dedicated charter service, takes a little over an hour and the schools have been very accomodating to the schedule needs of the students.

College & Graduate Schools

Several institutions are present in our area for higher learning/adult learning. Locally, there are campuses for colleges: Penn State University Capital Campus, Temple University Harrisburg Campus, Dickinson College, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Harrisburg Area Community College, Dixon University Center (a consortium of Pennsylvania colleges and universities meeting in one centralized location). Graduate level education can be obtained through Penn State Hershey Medical School, Widener School of Law and Social Work, Dickinson School of Law, MBA and MSW programs through Temple University's Harrisburg site, and the adult learning center at Duquesne University.

Activities

- Hersheypark/Chocolate World
- Regional theater
(Broadway show tours)
- Giant Center
(concert/sports venue)
- Local and nationally known popular and classical musical performances
- Minor league baseball
- Skiing/Snow-tubing
- Nature hiking trails
(we are along the Appalachian trail)
- Water sports
- World-class sport fishing
- Reasonable driving distance from largest collection of outlets for all shopping needs.
- Historical sites
(Civil War Museum, Gettysburg Battlefields)



Forbes.com reported Harrisburg as #21 in large cities with the *Lowest Crime Rate* (2006)

Harrisburg placed 1st (tied) as *Least Stressful Place to Live* in the Nation- Sperling's BestPlaces.net (2004) Harrisburg was also rated as having the 7th least crime for a large city

HARRISBURG, PA

*Close enough to keep in touch...
...far enough to make a difference.*

Come spend some time with us and see why we love where we are

For more information, check out these websites:

- **Keshet Israel Synagogue:** www.kesherisrael.org
- **Rabbi David L. Silver Yeshiva Academy:** www.yeshivaacademy.org
- **Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg:** www.jewishharrisburg.org

Harrisburg is the capital city of Pennsylvania and an easy drive to New York (3 ½ hours), Baltimore (75 minutes), Philadelphia (1 ½ hours), or Pittsburgh (4 hours).



Harrisburg

Washington, D.C.

PA

NY

NYC

Philadelphia - 1.5 hours

Baltimore - 75 minutes

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