

Kesher Israel Housing Search Information

Hi, I'm the Kesher Israel volunteer housing coordinator. I hope you find your time here in DC to be enjoyable, and I hope you find our shul and community to be an important part of your new home. I am available to answer general questions about housing near the shul, and help you find housing or roommates near Kesher via the Kesher Israel housing listserv. Pages 1-3 of this document provide general housing advice, while pages 4-9 list some buildings near Kesher Israel. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at housing@kesher.org.

General Housing Information

Kesher Israel is located at the corner of 28th and N Street, NW, in Georgetown (2801 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007). If you are interested in living in D.C. within walking distance of Kesher, your housing search should focus on the Foggy Bottom, West End, Georgetown, and Dupont Circle neighborhoods. Some people who attend Kesher also live in Rosslyn, VA, which is a longer walk but has cheaper apartments.

On average, studios and efficiencies near Kesher rent for \$1500-\$2200 a month, 1-bedrooms rent for \$2000-\$3000 a month, and 2-bedrooms rent for \$2800-\$5500 a month. Some of the apartment buildings near Kesher are condominiums, so you may end up renting from individual apartment owners rather than a company that runs an entire building.

Before you begin your housing search, I strongly recommend that you take some time to think about your minimal housing requirements (e.g. level of Kashrut, allergies, pets, etc.). I also recommend that you begin your housing search at least two months before moving to DC. In general, a mixture of internet searches, phone calls, and in-person apartment viewings is the best way to find a place.

The Kesher Israel Housing ListServ

To keep abreast of housing information, I strongly encourage you to subscribe to the Kesher Israel Housing Listserv by sending an e-mail message to Kesher_Housing_subscribe@yahoogroups.com. After I approve your membership, you will be able to:

- Browse old and recent housing postings at:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Kesher_Housing/.
- Post your own housing or roommate request by e-mailing it too
kesher_housing@yahoogroups.com. Posting your own request is strongly recommended, so that anyone who knows of an available place can contact you directly.

Other Jewish Housing Forums

There are two other Jewish organizations in DC that have good housing forums. While not specifically Orthodox, their housing forums are used by the wider DC Jewish community:

- DC Minyan Bulletin: To subscribe, email bulletin@dcminyan.org. You can then email that same address with a one paragraph ad to post in the Housing Wanted section of the bulletin. If you have housing and need a roommate, send the ad to post in the Housing Available section of the bulletin.
- GatherTheJews has a housing message board resource for young Jews in DC at <http://www.gatherthejews.com/bulletin-board/bulletin-board/>

Shabbos Observance

With some exceptions, many buildings in DC now use electronic key-fobs to open their front doors instead of physical keys. Many Shomer Shabbos Jews will either wait for other tenants to walk into their buildings on Shabbos and follow them in, or work out an arrangement with the front desk staff of their building (if there is a 24-hour front desk) to either buzz them in or physically open the door. Make sure to discuss this with the building leasing office or condo owner before signing a lease. If necessary, consult with your local Rabbi as well.

Apartment Search Websites

There are a number of websites that are good resources on apartments for rent in the DC area. While the details vary, you will generally be asked enter an area code, city, and/or neighborhood (Foggy Bottom, West End, Georgetown, and Dupont Circle), and will be given a list of available places, their prices, pictures of the apartment, and a point of contact. The following sites are a good place to start:

- www.apartmentlist.com
- <http://hotpads.com/>
- www.myapartmentmap.com
- www.apartments.com
- www.urbanigloo.com
- www.sublet.com
 - Make sure the lease of the person you're subletting from permits subletting.
- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/rentals/>
 - Newspaper classifieds: check daily, but especially on Sundays
- <http://classifieds.washingtoncitypaper.com/washington/Results?section=oid%3A8>,
 - Newspaper classifieds: check daily, but especially on Thursdays

Craigslist

Many condo owners (and some apartment buildings) advertise through [Craigslist](http://www.craigslist.org). Craigslist lets you narrow your search by price range and type of apartment (studio, 1 bedroom, etc.). If you type the name of one of the neighborhoods near Keshet in the search bar, you should get 15-20 ads. I recommend responding by e-mail to each ad that interests you. Don't be too surprised or discouraged if some people don't respond to your inquiries. If you get one response for every three inquiries you send out, then you're doing well.

In order to save time, you may want to create a form letter for responding to Craigslist ads. Here's an example: "Dear Sir or Madam: My name is *(your name)*. I currently live in *(current living location)*, and am looking for a new apartment by *(desired move-in date)*. Your ad on Craigslist intrigued me, as the apartment seems a reasonably priced and sized *(studio/one-bedroom/two-bedroom)* at an excellent location. Would it be possible to view the apartment in the next few days? I am available most weeknights after *(time)*, as well as on Sundays. Thank you for your kind consideration. Sincerely, *(your name)*."

One last note: while many Craigslist housing ads are legitimate, some may be scams. For more information, please see: <http://www.craigslist.org/about/scams>.

Short-term Housing

If you're searching for short-term housing, internship housing, or are having difficulty finding long-term housing, see the following websites:

- <http://www.2424penn.com/>
- www.shorttermrentalsdc.com
- <http://www.sig-properties.com/>
- <http://www.extendedstayhotels.com/Hotels-In-Washington-DC/Washington-DC.html?sissr=1>
- <http://www.interimhousingsolutions.com/>
- <http://dchousing.net/>
- <http://www.makingthedifference.org/federalinternships/dchousingguide.shtml>
- <http://www.wfu.edu/~sullivpc/>

Buildings Close to Keshar

Another way to search for housing is to contact buildings individually, and then set up an appointment to view them in person. Rental buildings in this area get hundreds of phone calls a month, so you immediately distinguish yourself if they have a face to match a name to. While some building will show apartments to walk-ins, it's best to call ahead. Many building leasing offices are only open during business hours, and are closed on weekends. In addition, apartment viewings of condominiums often involve coordination with the condo owner. The following is a partial list of apartment and condo buildings within walking distance of Keshar.

Buildings in Foggy Bottom

- The Shoresmeade: 2517 K St., NW.
 - Phone number: 202-265-2346
 - Website: <http://www.borgermanagementinc.com/the-shoremeade/>
 - Other info:
- Circle Arms Apartments: 2416 K St., NW.
 - Phone Number: (202) 296-0090.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info:
- The Bader: 2515 K Street, NW.
 - Phone Number
 - Website: http://badercondominium.org/Bader_Main.html.
 - Other info: Condos. Check Craigslist or other websites for vacancies.
- The Excelsior: 2514 K Street.
 - Phone Number/e-mail: Check Craigslist for vacancies.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: These are rather spacious 1-BR apartments and efficiencies in a Shomer Shabbos friendly building. Contact housing@keshar.org for more info.
- The Swarthmore: 1010 25th St., NW.
 - Phone Number: (202) 338-6707.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos.
- The Claridge House: 950 25th Street, NW (at K and 25th).
 - Phone Number: (202) 337-2240
 - Website: <http://claridgehousecooperative.com/>.
 - Other info: Condos. There's a book at the front desk listing which condos are available. Claridge House has a rooftop pool, and a 24/7 front desk person
- The 925 Apartments
 - Phone number: 925 25th Street NW.
 - Website: <http://www.the925apts.com/>
 - Other info:
- The Plaza: 800 25th Street, NW
 - Phone number: (202) 338-4305
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos
- The Griffin: 955 26th Street, NW.
 - E-mail: info@thegriffincondo.com
 - Website: <http://thegriffincondo.com/>
 - Other info: Condos.
- Potomac Overlook: 1001 26th St., NW (between K St. and Pennsylvania Ave).

- Phone Number: (202) 338-2885
- Other info: Condos.
- The Westbridge Condominiums: 2555 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (25th & Pennsylvania).
 - Phone Number: 202-659-0610.
 - Website: <http://community.associawebsites.com/sites/WestbridgeCondominium/Pages/ACwDefault.aspx>
 - Other info: Condos. Beautiful, large building with full-time front door person, parking, and other amenities. 7 minute walk to shul, 10 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro.
- 2400 Pennsylvania Ave: 2400 Pennsylvania Ave, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 333-2400. Office hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - Website: <http://www.2400penn.com/>
 - Other info: Efficiencies and 1-bedrooms.
- 2401 Pennsylvania Ave: 2401 Pennsylvania Ave, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 296-3923
 - Website: <http://www.bozzuto.com/apartments/communities/240>
 - Other info:
- 2424 Pennsylvania Ave: 2424 Pennsylvania Ave, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 331-5000. Office hours are 9AM - 5:30PM
 - Website: <http://www.2424penn.com/>
 - Other info: Efficiencies and 1-bedrooms. Very clean. 24-hour front desk. 10 minute walk to Keshet.
- The Avenue Apartments: 2221 I Street, NW
 - Phone number: 888-670-1175
 - Website: <http://theavenueliving.com/#home>
 - Other info:
- The President: 2141 I Street, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 331-7800.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: 1 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro & GWU, 20 minute walk to shul.
- The Jefferson House Condominium: 922 24th St., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 337-3900.
 - Website: <http://community.associawebsites.com/sites/JeffersonHouseACondominium/Pages/ACwDefault.aspx>
 - Other info: Condos. Near Foggy Bottom Metro & GWU. 15 minute walk to Keshet.
- Bon-wit Plaza: 2401 H St, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 333-4884.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos. Call the front desk and ask about availabilities. 5 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, 15 minutes to Keshet Israel.
- The Elise: 825 New Hampshire Avenue, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 333-7711
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Office open 9AM to 5PM. No front desk. Key fob for entrance.
- Columbia Plaza: 2400 Virginia Ave., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 293-2000, (866) 396-6814
 - Website: <http://www.columbiaplaza.net/>
 - Other info: Building complex with 5 buildings. Diplomat, Consul, and Envoy buildings are Shabbos accessible. Located next to the Watergate Hotel and Kennedy Center. 5 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, 20 minutes to Keshet Israel.

- The Statesman: 2020 F St., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 331-8827.
 - Website: http://www.archstoneapartments.com/apartments/District_of_Columbia/Washington_DC_Area/The_Statesman/
 - Other info: Front door person. 5 minutes to Foggy Bottom Metro and George Washington University, 20 minutes to Keshet Israel.
- Monroe House: 522 21st St., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 887-0697
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos.
- The York: 532 20th Street
 - Phone number: (888) 240-7165
 - Website: <http://www.bmcproperties.com/residential/york>
 - Other info:
- Potomac Park: 510 21st Street
 - Phone number: (888) 240-7165
 - Website: <http://www.bmcproperties.com/residential/potomac-park/>
 - Other info:
- Empire Apartments: 2000 F St., NW.
 - Phone number: 202-785-2622.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info:

Buildings in Georgetown

- James Place Condominium: 1077 30th St., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 333-5020.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos. 1, 2 and 3-bedroom units. 10-15 minute walk to Keshet.
- Gateway Georgetown: 2500 Q St, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 965-2224.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos. Nice building with full-time doorman. 10 minute walk to Keshet and the Dupont Circle Metro (red line).
- Rock Creek Gardens: 2511 Q St, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 688-3409, (202) 465-2346
 - Website: <http://www.borgermanagementinc.com/rock-creek-gardens/>
 - Other info: 10 minute walk to Keshet and the Dupont Circle Metro (red line).
- 2501 Q. Street: 2501 Q St, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 337-4774.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: 10 minute walk to Keshet and the Dupont Circle Metro (red line).
- Kew Gardens. 2700 Q St., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 332-1460, (888) 263-2502
 - Website: <http://www.bmcproperties.com/residential/kew-gardens>.
 - Other info: 10 minute walk to Keshet and the Dupont Circle Metro (red line).

Buildings in West End

- West End25: 1255 25th St, NW

- Phone number: (202) 775-9325, 888-217-2525
 - Website: <http://www.westend25apts.com/>
 - Other info:
- West End Residences: 1221 24th Street, NW
 - Phone number: (877) 249-4555
 - Website: <http://www.bmcproperties.com/residential/west-end-residences>
 - Other info:
- The Residences at 22 West: 1177 22nd St, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 333-3313
 - Website: <http://www.22westdc.com/>
 - Other info:
- The Gibson: 1140 23rd St, NW (between L and M.).
 - Phone number: (202) 775-8273
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos. 15 minute walk to Keshet. 5 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro (Blue/Orange Line), 20 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro (Red Line). Doorman, rooftop deck, and party room. Back door is Shabbos-friendly.
- Hampshire House: 1316 New Hampshire Ave NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 833-3927
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos.
- The Savoy: 1101 New Hampshire Ave., NW (NH and L St.)
 - Phone number: (202) 296-1645, (202) 296-8424.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: 5 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, 15 minute walk to Keshet Israel. Doorman, garage, pool.
- The Carriage House: 2201 L St., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 223-6701.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: 5 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, short walk to Dupont Circle, 15 minute walk to Keshet. Doorman, garage & rooftop pool.
- Winston House Luxury Apartments: 2140 L St., NW (L and New Hampshire Ave).
 - Phone number: (202) 785-2200.
 - Website: <http://www.winstonhouseapartments.com/>
 - Other info: 5 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, 15 minute walk to Keshet Israel.
- 2400 M Apartments: 2400 M St, NW
 - Phone number: (877) 433-8898
 - Website: <http://www.thelevanteresidences.com/properties/washington-dc/georgetown-2400-M.html>.
 - Other info:
- Westbrooke Place: 2201 N St, NW
 - Phone number: (202) 466-6228, (866) 266-0752
 - Website: http://gables.com/find/apartment/571-westbrooke-place-washington-dc?utm_campaign=Redirect&utm_medium=Redirect&utm_source=westbrookeplace
 - Other info: Gorgeous building, full time front-door person, library, gym. Pets allowed. 10 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, 15 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro, 15-20 minute walk to Keshet.

- Emerson House: 2301 N St, NW
 - Phone number: (202) 776-0904
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos.

Buildings in Dupont Circle

- Flats at Dupont: 2000 N St., NW
 - Phone number: (202) 457-5801, (866) 822-1610
 - Website: http://www.archstoneapartments.com/apartments/district_of_columbia/washington_dc_area/the_flats_at_dupont_circle/
 - Other info:
- The Apolline: 1330 New Hampshire Ave., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 296-7300.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos. 15 minutes from Keshet and steps from Dupont Circle Metro.
- The Westpark: 2130 P. Street, NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 452-1230.
 - Website: <http://www.thewestpark.com/>.
 - Other info: 3 blocks from Dupont Circle Metro. 15 minute walk to Keshet. Front door person, market in building.
- The Newport: 1260 21st St., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 223-9777.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos. 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro, 20 minute walk to Keshet.
- Hamilton House: 1255 New Hampshire Ave., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 452-6068.
 - Website: <http://www.keenermanagement.com/about-hamiltonhouse/>
 - Other Info: Short walk to Dupont Circle Metro, 20 minute walk to Keshet.
- The State House: 2122 Massachusetts Ave., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 293-2122.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro, 20 minute walk to Keshet.
- Boston House: 1711 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
 - Phone number: Check Craigslist or other websites for vacancies.
 - Website: N/A
 - Other info: Condos. Sometimes there are vacancy flyers posted at the building. 20-25 minute walk to Keshet and a short walk to the Dupont Circle Metro.
- The Dupont East: 1545 18th St., NW (18th and Q.)
 - Phone number: (202) 667-4660.
 - Website: http://www.duponteast.org/link/linkshow.asp?link_id=292014
 - Other info: Condos. 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro, 25 minute walk to Keshet.
- Imperial House Condominium: 1601 18th St., NW (18th & Q.)
 - Phone number: (202) 387-3836.
 - Website: <http://www.imperialhouse.org/>
 - Other info: Less than a 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro and 25 minutes to Keshet.
- The Croydon: 1815 17th St., NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 483-0908.
 - Website: http://www.borgermanagement.com/dupont_circle_area2.shtml
 - Other info: 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro, 30-minute walk to Keshet.

- Webster House Condominium: 1718 P St. NW.
 - Phone number: (202) 387-7777.
 - Website: <http://websterhousedc.com/>
 - Other info: 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro, 25 minute walk to Keshet.

Buildings in Rosslyn, VA

If you are on a tight budget, you may want to consider Rosslyn, VA. Most buildings in Rosslyn are condos. There are quite a few nice Keshet singles and families that live there, though Rosslyn is not in the eruv, and is a 30-50 minute walk to Keshet depending on how far out you live. For places closest to Keshet, look for condos near the Rosslyn Metro stop. The metro website is www.wmata.com.

- River Place:
 - Phone number: (703) 448-8012
 - Website: <http://www.rentriverplace.com/>
 - Other info: River Place is complex of 10-12 buildings in Rosslyn, consisting of River Place North, South, East and West. Each complex seems to have its own individual website and phone number, in addition to the info listed above. These are the closest buildings in Rosslyn to Keshet (approximately a 30 minute walk), and just a couple of blocks from the Rosslyn metro. To find condos for rent in River Place, I recommend that you call realtor Pat Fairman at (703) 525-5500, as he manages many of the units.
- River Place North: 1121 Arlington Blvd. Suite L-1, Arlington, VA
 - Phone number: (703) 276-3363
 - Website: <http://riverplacenorth.org/renters>,
 - Other info: These are a mixture of homes and apartments for rent.
- River Place South: 1011 Arlington Blvd., Suite 350, Arlington, VA
 - Phone number: (703) 528-3555
 - Website: <http://www.fmsroot.com/rpssite/>
 - Other info: Condos.
- River Place East: 1021 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA
 - Phone number: (703) 276-0025
 - Website: <http://riverplaceeast.com/>
 - Other info: Co-op community.
- River Place West: 1111 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA
 - Phone number: (703) 276-1212
 - Website: <http://www.riverplacwest.com/>
 - Other info: Condos
- The Park Adams: 2000 North Adams Street, Arlington, VA
 - Phone number: (703) 524-7377
 - Website: http://www.writsparkadams.com/templates/ml_template_concept07_writ/default.asp?w=parkadams
 - Other info: 1 & 2-bedroom apartments. This is about a 45 minute walk to Keshet and a 10 minute walk to Court House Metro station.
- Rosslyn Heights: 1804 N. Quinn St., Arlington, VA
 - Phone number: (703) 522-0700
 - Website: http://www.rosslynheights.com/link/linkshow.asp?link_id=196945
 - Other info: 3 blocks to Rosslyn metro.