

HOUSING INFORMATION

Kesher Israel's volunteer housing coordinator is available to answer any questions about housing near the shul and match people to available housing whenever possible. The purpose of the housing coordinator is to build community *around Kesher Israel*. Feel free to contact me at housing@kesher.org if you have any questions.

To keep abreast of housing information, it is strongly encouraged to subscribe to the Kesher Housing Listserve at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Kesher_Housing/ (be sure to read the archives for any recently-posted housing opportunities). You can also subscribe to the list by sending an e-mail message to Kesher_Housing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Most messages to the list are notices of available housing, but it can be used for related things, such as posting a message if you're looking for a roommate, or if you are selling/looking for used furniture, etc. Most housing notices on the listserv are places I learn about by word of mouth; I can't read the classified ads for people, and those are your best bet for finding an apartment near Georgetown (see II).

- I. I highly recommend that you read the classified ads at www.washingtonpost.com daily, but especially Sundays. I also recommend that you read the classifieds at www.washingtoncitypaper.com on Thursdays, when they come out. This is probably the best way for you to find housing that will fit your needs. Additionally, I recommend that you check out www.apartments.com. There are a lot of listings on there, and you are able to search by sections of the city. If you are interested in living in D.C. near Kesher, look for housing in the Foggy Bottom, West End, Georgetown, and Dupont Circle neighborhoods. If you're interested in living in Rosslyn, VA (see V,) search in Rosslyn. You might choose to check out <http://www.thesublet.com>; you have to pay to contact any subletters after you've browsed, but I've heard from several people that the fee (\$40.00/3 months) is worth it.
- II. On average, efficiencies near Kesher *start* at around \$1200/month, 1- bedrooms start at around \$1400/month, and 2-bedrooms at \$2200/month. Sometimes you can find better deals if you get lucky.
- V. Following is a partial list of apartment and condo buildings all within walking distance of Kesher. It is not complete. Although I list phone numbers if I have them, I should let you know that people often have better luck finding housing in this tight market when they actually show up in person at a building. I realize this isn't always possible, but it's a big help if you can do it. 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. Please check and see when the offices are open — most are not open on the weekends — so you don't waste any time.

Please note that many units near Keshet are condominiums, and most owners list these units in the local papers.

If you are on a tight budget, you might want to consider Rosslyn, VA, which is a much cheaper alternative to living downtown. There are quite a few nice Keshet singles/families who live there. Most buildings there are condominiums, so check local classified ads. Rosslyn is not in the eruv and is a 30-50 minute walk to Keshet depending on how far out you go. For places closest to Keshet, look for condos near the Rosslyn Metro stop.

Buildings in Foggy Bottom

-The Swarthmore: 1010 25th St., NW. The office number is (202) 338-6707. Condos.

-Circle Arms Apartments: 2416 K St., NW. (202) 296-0090.

-The Bader: 2515 K Street, NW. These are also condos.

-Potomac Overlook: 1001 26th St., NW between K St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Condos. Contact Davina at the building office between 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mon-Fri. for information about rentals.

-The Claridge House. This is at 950 25th Street, NW (at K and 25th). (202) 337-2240. These are condos, but there's a book at the front desk listing which ones are available. Rooftop pool, front desk person.

-The Excelsior. This is at 2514 K Street. These are rather spacious 1-BR apartments and efficiencies in a shomer-shabbat friendly building.

-The Westbridge Condominiums: 2555 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (25th and Pennsylvania.) 202-659-0610. Call the front desk and ask if they know of any rentals in their building. 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. Efficiencies and 1-bedrooms. The number is (202) 333-2400. Office hours are between 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

-The President: 2141 I Street, NW. 1 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro and GWU, 20 minute walk to Keshet Israel. (202) 331-7800.

-The Statesman: 2020 F St., NW. (202) 331-8827. Efficiencies run from \$1035-1300 and 1-bedrooms from \$1200-1800. Front door person. 5 minutes to Foggy Bottom Metro and George Washington University, 20 minutes to Keshet.

-The Jefferson House Condominium: 922 24th St., NW right near G.W.U. and Foggy Bottom Metro. 202-337-3900. 15 minute walk to Keshet Israel.

-Columbia Plaza: 2400 Virginia Ave., NW. (202) 293-2000. Located next to the Watergate Hotel and Kennedy Center. Prices range from A Web site claims that representative costs are \$850 for a studio to \$2,500 for a 2-bedroom. Rent both furnished and unfurnished units. A five minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, 20 minutes to Keshet.

Buildings in Georgetown

-James Place Condominium: has some 3-bedroom units. 1077 30th St., NW. (202) 333-5020

All of the following are about a 10 minute walk to both shul and the Dupont Circle Metro (red line):

-2500 Q. Street. These are condos. Nice building with full-time doorman.

-2511 Q Street. Borger Management (202) 898-1880.

-2501 Q. Street. (202) 337-4774.

-Kew Gardens. 2700 Q St., NW. 202-332-1460.

-Rock Creek Gardens: 2511 Q St., NW. 202-333-4235.

Buildings in the West End

-The Gibson: 1140 23rd. Street, NW (between L and M.) This is a condo, but do call the site manager, Gisela Glodeck, at 202-775-8273, and see if she knows of anything for rent. 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.

-The Carriage House: 2201 L St., NW. 202-223-2000. 5 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, short walk to Dupont Circle, 15 minute walk to Keshet. Doorman, garage & rooftop pool.

-The Savoy: 1101 New Hampshire Ave., NW (NH and L St.) (202) 955-4575. 5 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, 15 minutes to Keshet Israel. Doorman, garage.

-Winston House Luxury Apartments: 2140 L St., NW (L and New Hampshire Ave.) (202) 785-2200. 5 minutes to Foggy Bottom Metro station, 15 to Keshet Israel.

-Westbrooke Place: 2201 N St., NW. (202) 466-6228 Gorgeous building, full time front-door person, library, gym. Pets allowed. Rent starts at around \$1200/month for an efficiency, up to \$4500/mo. for a 2-bedroom, 2-bath. 10 minute walk to Foggy Bottom Metro, 15 to Dupont Circle. 15-20 minutes to Keshet.

Dupont Circle

-The Apolline: 1330 New Hampshire Ave., NW. (202) 296-7300. Condos 15 minutes from Keshet and just steps from the Dupont Circle Metro station.

-The Westpark: 2130 P. Street, NW. (202) 452-1230. Just 3 blocks from Dupont Circle Metro. 15 minute walk to Keshet. Front door person, market in building. Rent here tends to be more affordable than in many other buildings.

-The Newport: 1260 21st St., NW. (202) 223-9777. 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro station, 20 minutes to shul. These are condos.

-Hamilton House: 1255 New Hampshire Ave., NW. (202) 223-4530. Short walk to Dupont Circle Metro, 20 minutes to Keshet.

The State House: 2122 Massachusetts Ave., NW Great bargain building: efficiencies cost around \$725 and 2-bedrooms around \$1400. Call Linda White for info: (202) 293-2122. This building is a 20-minute walk to Keshet and 5 minutes to Dupont Circle Metro.

-1711 Massachusetts Avenue, NW: This is a co-op building, so owners rent units. Stop by--sometimes there are flyers posted. This is a 20-25 minute walk to Keshet and a short walk to the Dupont Metro.

-The Dupont East: 1545 18th St., NW (18th and Q.) (202) 667-4660. This is a condominium. Less than a 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro and 25 minutes to Keshet.

-Imperial House Condominium: 1601 18th St., NW (18th & Q.) (202) 387-3836. Less than a 5 minute walk to Dupont Circle Metro and 25 minutes to Keshet.

-The Croydon: 1815 17th St., NW. Call Shantay Barbee at (202) 483-0908 for more info. I've heard this building has some bargains. About a 30-minute walk to Keshet Israel and 5 minutes to Dupont Circle Metro.

-Webster House Condominium: 1718 P St. NW. (202) 387-7777. 5 minutes to Dupont Metro & 25 minutes to Keshet.

Rosslyn, VA

-River Place: This is a high-rise condominium complex that includes parking, and is the closest building in Rosslyn to Keshet (approximately a 30 minute walk). River Place is also just a couple of blocks from the Metro. To find condos for rent in River Place, I recommend that you call realtor Pat Fairman at (703) 525-5500, who manages many of the units. You can also try the River Place management office and see if they know of any units for rent; their number is (703) 528-3555.

-The Park Adams: 1 & 2-bedroom apartments. Call (703) 524-7377. This is about a 45 minute walk to Keshet and a 10 minute walk to Court House Metro station.