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WEAVING TOGETHER THE STRANDS OF JUDAISM

ALL SHALL UNITE AS ONE TO DO GOD’S WILL WITH A WHOLE HEART

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The Academy for Jewish Religion was founded in 1956, unique in its vision and its mission. It envisioned the Jewish community as a meeting place where every serious Jew and every dedicated student of Judaism would have an opportunity to find the best Jewish path, without preconceived limitations. Pluralistic Judaism is larger, deeper, and richer than any one viewpoint can encompass. They emerge from the lives of others.

The flexibility, however, goes beyond course scheduling. AJR offers a profile of what each student must know and understand. It requires an ongoing process of self-evaluation and self-reflection that helps to identify and resolve the issues that confront students as they grow and mature in their commitment to Judaism. AJR is an academic environment in which students are encouraged to think about what they believe, what they think, and what they value. AJR offers students an opportunity to develop their own spiritual and intellectual paths, while respecting those of others. AJR accepts and respects differences of gender, age, sexual orientation, and learning style. AJR brings together students and faculty from all the streams of Judaism. It is a community of learners that challenges each member to struggle with personal beliefs, viewpoints, and practices, and as pastors to help them develop into rabbis or cantors who are truly prepared to serve God and the Jewish people, no one can have absolute knowledge of what that path should be. In that task of self-discovery, students are encouraged to grapple with varied viewpoints and to reach their own conclusions while honing their ability to respect and be responsive to differing approaches.

Some students come to AJR to immerse themselves in a Judaism vaster in fields—from law and medicine to philosophy and psychology. Many of our talented alumni or students to enrich your synagogue, school, or organization. Let us know that you want to be a part of building this vision of Jewish unity rather than divisiveness; of controversy and and spirituality rooted in tradition. To learn more about our programs or to arrange a visit to experience our miracle, please call our Office of Admissions at 718-543-9860 x4. To speak with our Director of Placement, please call 718-543-9860 x3. To learn how your financial support can help AJR grow, please call 718-543-9860 x3.

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