



## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY

The American Druze Society National Membership Committee is pleased to continue promoting its 2011 Membership Campaign in collaboration with all the ADS Chapters.

**REMEMBER:** The National Elections are approaching and members need to renew memberships by April 30 to be able to vote.

During the last several years the ADS has been re-energized. Our Events are a buzz with members; our leaders are on a roll; and our visibility is a glow. All our Chapters' Presidents, have the tough duty to recruit and retain members of their communities and it is rarely an easy discussion when someone asks you:

"Why do I need to join the ADS?" - **"Why not?"** is the first answer to that important question. Of course, the Membership Committee is here to explain better what privileges come with this membership.

The following are a few of the services we currently offer or have under development. Please share these with every member of your community.

### **ADS Member Benefits:**

1. For those who are seeking spiritual support and faith - The Committee on Religious Affairs is designing a Tawhid Curriculum for children 7 -17. Also, Lectures and Tawhid Seminars are taking place via the Conventions and Faith Forums for all ages and they are fully staffed and attended.
2. For someone who wants a local place where their children can play with other Druze children - we have three Druze homes (in Southern California, Michigan and Virginia) with Charlotte recently buying our 4th Druze Center. The National is assisting other chapters in doing so too.
3. For those seeking endless fun and fellowship - We have two annual events: The National Convention in July and the Thanksgiving Convention in November.
4. For those who want to teach their children Arabic - The National Educational and Cultural Committee is developing programs on the Digital Community for our members.



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5. For those seeking a career - The Career Guidance workshop held annually at the national convention is a great venue and soon to be launched on the Digital Community.
6. For those searching for a lost relative, the Digital Community or the National Office may be able to search the databases and help you reconnect.
7. For those who want to chat with friends and family safely and securely - the social network on Digital Community is available.
8. For those who have funds that they want to put to good use - The ADS is establishing Endowments.
9. For those facing an emergency - The Emergency Relief Fund is established.
10. For young adults who want to serve and get involved - The ADYA (American Druze Young Adults) is very active.
11. For those seeking a higher education and in need for tuition assistance - The Scholarship committee is there.
12. For those seeking the knowledge of our history and heritage - The American Druze Foundation has been doing a lot of work in that regard. A book is being published soon.
13. For those who want to be in the know - The Our Heritage magazine and the National Publishing Committee is hard at work and has issued already 2 online magazines.
14. For those looking for or needing information about Insurance, Medical, or Legal - The Digital Community is building this reference tool on the website.

In addition, special campouts and retreats are being planned. Tawhid curricula for children 7-17 are being developed, and a book on Tawhid is being translated into English for circulation to our members.

My fellow brothers and sisters, our work is never done; our joy is endless; our journey is timeless.

Yours in the Faith,

ADS Membership Committee