



Job Posting: Synagogue Religious School Educator

Located in the heart of Manhattan's Upper West Side, West End Synagogue offers an exciting alternative to traditional Hebrew School through an innovative educational model that we call **Jewish Family Life and Learning (JFLL)**, which integrates theme-based classroom education and experiential learning. Students attend lively, constructivist classes once each week, and explore with their family a full Jewish life in NYC.

West End Synagogue, a Reconstructionist Congregation, is dedicated to the continual exploration of Jewish life, in all its richness and diversity. Our mission is to develop and nurture an intellectually challenging, spiritually vibrant and mutually supportive learning community of families. We respect diverse approaches to Judaism and encourage multiple access points to Jewish observance and study.

JFLL (Jewish Family Life and Learning) Educator

Job Description: Elementary and/or Middle School age Hebrew and Judaics Teacher

- Tuesdays, 4 – 6 PM
- Periodic Shabbat Services, family learning programs, Holiday programs/celebrations. (compensated)
- Plan innovative, stimulating classroom activities that actively engage students in the learning process. Class time is divided between Judaics curriculum (Jewish texts) and Hebrew, studied hevruta style
- On a rotating basis, every third week, plan an Opening Assembly that serves as a set induction for the planned curriculum
- Submit monthly overview and weekly lesson plans
- Attend monthly teacher meetings and learning opportunities (Compensated)
- Become familiar with Reconstructionist Judaism, its philosophy, its theology and its liturgy to deliver lessons within the framework of the movement.

Qualifications:

- Committed to teaching a liberal approach to Judaism, using progressive methods in the classroom and in Shabbat/Holiday programming
- Hebrew teaching experience (classroom, youth group or camp)
- Experience teaching a range of ages
- Strong Judaic knowledge

Compensation: \$50-60 per hour commensurate with skills and experience for weekday school; opportunities to work holidays and services with compensation.

There will be a curriculum and planning meeting in late August and the position begins in the fall of 2018.

Preferred experience: 2 years of classroom teaching or Jewish youth activities

Preferred Degree: BA required

Job location: West End Synagogue, 190 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10023

Please send cover letter and resume via email to:

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