

Synagogue Youth Engagement Specialist

Beth Emeth Synagogue and Adath Israel Congregation – two of Toronto’s leading Conservative synagogues – are pleased to announce the creation of a new, shared programming position. The successful candidate will have the responsibility of creating deeper connections and engagement amongst our children, teenagers, and young family members through the delivery of meaningful experiential and ritual-based programs.

This is an ideal position for those interested in pursuing a career as a Jewish community professional.

OVERVIEW

This is an exciting, hands-on role, responsible for planning and implementing programs for young families and their children, aged 0 to 18.

Through innovative programs and a focus on relationship-building, the Youth Engagement Specialist will play an integral role in guiding children, teens, and their families as they grow in their own Jewish lives – religiously, culturally, and socially – with their synagogue at the center.

The role will be split equally between the two synagogues and the successful candidate will be responsible for delivering both synagogue-specific and joint programs.

This is a 40-hour-per-week job with **flexible hours**. The successful candidate will have the ability to create their Monday to Friday work schedule centered around program planning and implementation. The candidate should be available on Saturday mornings, occasional Sunday afternoons and/or weekday evenings, and on most Jewish holidays.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Plan and implement age-appropriate programming for children in a range of age cohorts and their families. This includes:

- Weekly Shabbat programs.
- Jewish holidays and Festivals including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, Yom Ha’azmaut, and Shavuot.
- Hebrew School after-class programs on Sunday.
- Teen specific programs including chesed initiatives.
- General youth-oriented and family programs.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Solid knowledge of Jewish customs and practices, specifically in a Conservative shul environment.
- MS Office including Excel, Word, and Outlook. Powerpoint knowledge is an asset.
- Strong literacy in social media used by the various age cohorts.
- Driver’s license and regular access to a vehicle.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary diploma or degree.
- Experience working with children/youth in a programming role, ideally in the Jewish community. Jewish summer camp experience is considered an asset.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE WILL POSSESS THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES:

- You love Judaism and are excited to help develop the next generation of engaged, thoughtful, and committed Jews.
- You are a genuine person who is patient, warm, and a positive influence to be around.
- You demonstrate outstanding interpersonal skills and embrace a customer-centric attitude.
- Through your prior programming role(s) - ideally in the Jewish community or at summer camp - you display a creative thinking style coupled with excellent planning and implementation acumen.
- Strong organizational skills and impeccable attention to detail are your trademarks.
- You enjoy work environments where managing multiple tasks concurrently is the norm.
- Dealing with change doesn't overwhelm you; in fact, you thrive in vibrant environments.
- You have the confidence to work independently but aren't afraid to ask for help.
- As a team player, you are confident to share your ideas while welcoming direction from those with whom you are collaborating.
- The skills to lead excellent Shabbat and Holiday Family Services would be an asset.

SALARY

The salary range is from \$45,000 to \$50,000 plus benefits.

TO APPLY:

Please send your cover letter and resume to anna@adathisrael.com

Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.