

Synagogue Youth Director

Adath Israel Congregation – one of Toronto’s leading Conservative synagogues – is pleased to announce the creation of a new position. Our Youth Specialist will be responsible for creating deeper connections and engagement amongst our children, teenagers, and young family members through the delivery of meaningful experiential and ritual-based programs.

If you want part-time employment, are energetic, people-oriented, and want to make an impact on the future of the Jewish people, this position is for you. University students are welcome to apply.

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 Director 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, Adath Israel Congregation, at the centre.

This is an approximately 20-hour-per-week job with **flexible hours** and the freedom to frequently work from home. The successful candidate will have the ability to create their schedule centred 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.

This part-time position is an excellent opportunity for a student or someone who wishes to work part-time. With flexible hours and an opportunity to work from home for the planning stages of the programming.

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

- Knowledge of Jewish customs and practices, specifically in a Conservative synagogue environment.
- MS Office including Excel, Word, and Outlook. Powerpoint knowledge is an asset.
- 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 or working towards it's completion.
- Experience working with children/youth in a programming role, ideally in the Jewish community such as Jewish summer camp experience.

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.
- 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 but not a requirement.

SALARY

The salary is starting at \$20,000 with a potential increase based on experience for this part time position.

TO APPLY:

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

Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

