Youth Engagement Director –An innovative position at 2 Conservative (USCJ) Synagogues-Adath Jeshurun (AJ) and Beth Sholom (BSC) in Elkins Park, PA

The AJ/ BSC *Youth Engagement professional* is personally engaged in Jewish life, loves kids and Judaism, is highly motivated, organized, outgoing, and wants to get kids to love being Jewish. **We seek a “pied-piper” of Jewish youth engagement. You are the person who sees it as your personal mission to help every child engage with, and derive joy from, their Jewish lives.**

The mission of this person is to use co-curricular opportunities (youth group, Shabbat, holidays, family programming, youth outreach) to engage kids (grades 1-12) and their families in active, passionate Jewish living. This position is shared between two neighboring Conservative synagogues. Our shuls, located less than a mile away, have shared youth groups and a teen high school program for the last 8 years. We are excited to share youth Shabbat and holiday programming; we believe that together our kids can have a vibrant youth community. Our Youth Director will be part of a team of clergy, lay people and educators who are committed to vibrant Conservative Jewish life. Adath Jeshurun and Beth Sholom are located about 30 minutes north of Center City Philadelphia in a wonderful Jewish neighborhood.

Do you have the following attributes? If so, please join our team.

We are looking for someone with ahigh level of **energy** and commitment in order to engage kids in multiple ways.

Are you a good **communicator**? Can you use technology to enhance and maximize experiences?Are you **engaging**? Can you help to build a strong sense of community by connecting and nurturing personal relationships with our children / teens and their families.

Do you have **agility** to think, under-stand and adapt quickly and easily?

Are you **flexible** and a **problem solver?**

Are you **accepting** of a variety of views and able to **promote inclusiveness?**

Do you hold yourself and others **accountable?**

**Job Responsibilities:**

* **Responsible for all K-12 Co Curricular (non-school based) at AJ and Beth Sholom: (see below)**
* Coordinate all informal youth programming for our shuls, along with staffing our joint Junior Congregation.
* Maintain contact with, and seek input from, the rabbis of AJ and BSC and with the educators from J’Quest B’Yahad and The Jewish Teen Collaborative.

**DUTIES:**

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1. **Youth groups**: Implement creative ways to engage youth in Jewish Life outside of school, including but not limited to: Some youth group advising, Rosh Hodesh for Girls and Brotherhood for Boys. Work with rabbis to do outreach at local high schools. Connect with teens in other Jewish youth groups. Serve as the liaison to the Joint Youth Commission. The Youth Director will be responsible for leading all youth groups.
2. **Day School Student Engagement**: Explores and implements opportunities to engage students who attend Day School and their families in the life of the synagogues.
3. **Shabbat programming**: Plans, staffs, and manages twice-monthly Shabbat services/meals for youth. Coordinates with clergy and educators. Engages families through grade-level Shabbat services/meals/programs.
4. **Family High Holiday programming**: Works with education staff and clergy to plan and implement educational programming and services for children and families.
5. **Holiday Programming**: In coordination with the clergy and educators, plans and staffs services and programs for children and their families on Chagim.
6. **Special Programming:** In coordination with the clergy and educators, plans and staffs events to enhance connections to Israel, Jewish historical events, and Social Action for children and families.
7. **Life Cycle:** Works with the clergy to develop and implement programming and curriculum to enhance life cycle events such as Consecration, B’nai Mitzvah, and Confirmation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

EDUCATION: BA Degree in Education, Jewish Studies, or related field.

EXPERIENCE: Experience working in a Jewish Youth group and/or Jewish summer camp.

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM: Knowledge of and desire to instill principles of Conservative Judaism. Ability to lead family / children’s Conservative services with joy.

Salary range: 35K to 40K

Benefits: some

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