Temple Beth Sholom, in Sarasota, FL, strives to provide a high quality, developmentally appropriate and engaging experience for all the youth in our Kehillah. Both formal and informal Jewish educational experiences are utilized to enrich the Judaic knowledge of our children. The formal education program is held at our Paver Religious School. The students in K-9 meet on Sunday mornings to engage with the richness of our tradition. Studies include: Hebrew, Tefillah, Holidays, Israel, rituals, ethics and values. An emphasis is placed on giving the students experiences that they will remember as formative in their Jewish development.

The Youth Department at Temple Beth Sholom looks to supplement the experiences the students have in their religious school or day school experiences. Our youth programs include organized activities for children grades 3-5, 6-8 and High School. Programming ranges from the social to the religious and includes social action and Israel related events. These events are a place for the children to put into action the things they learn in their religious studies.

An ideal candidate would be able to bridge the formal and informal settings. Running the religious school and the youth programs will allow for our Director of Youth Education to focus on the whole child to see that the entirety of their religious, social, and spiritual needs are being met. This position can grow based on the talents that a candidate brings to the position. Additional opportunities are available for Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutoring and participating in leadership of infusing music into our prayer experiences based on skills of applicant.

Responsibilities include:

* Plan & implement a K-9th Grade Religious School program with a focus on Hebrew, Torah, Values, Tefillah, Israel and rituals.
* Maintain positive relationships with students and parents.
* Oversee staff of Religious School and Youth programs.
* Develop, implement and track budgets for School and youth.
* Establish and maintain a calendar of educational programming including holiday events, family educational opportunities, speakers and social events.
* Market program to the wider community for recruitment and retention efforts.
* Communicate with the families, the congregation and the wider community regarding school activities.
* Think creatively about ways to expand or adapt the educational and informal youth educational opportunities.
* See extended Youth Director Job Description at [**http://tinyurl.com/YouthDirector**](http://tinyurl.com/YouthDirector)

Requirements and Qualifications:

* Passion for Jewish Education
* Desire to work with Jewish Youth
* Experience working with teens
* Strong Judaic background
* Self motivated
* Collaborative and forward thinking mindset
* Masters Degree or Certificate in Jewish Education a plus
* Good memories of personal Jewish Youth Group experiences