



Congregation Ahavath Chesed Religious School



Position: Parent & Me Teacher

Direct Report: Director of Lifelong Engagement

Job Summary

We are seeking a passionate, creative, and dedicated Religious School Teacher for our children 0-4 years and their grown-ups. The ideal candidate will possess a deep understanding of Judaism, a commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive classroom environment, and a passion for inspiring students and their families to grow spiritually, morally, and intellectually. As a Religious School Teacher, you will be responsible for delivering engaging lessons based on Reform Jewish values, rituals, and traditions that help children and their families to grow in their Jewish identity.

Essential Responsibilities

Judaic and/or Hebrew Instruction

- Teach engaging, age-appropriate Jewish studies lessons using the provided curriculum and curriculum maps.
- Prepare and submit weekly lesson plans to the Religious School Coordinator.
- Differentiate instruction to support students with diverse learning styles and abilities.
- Incorporate experiential learning, art, music, role-playing, games, and other hands-on activities to enrich child and grown-up engagement.

Create a Safe and Inclusive Classroom

- Foster a positive classroom environment rooted in Jewish values.
- Encourage students and grown-ups to explore Jewish traditions and beliefs, ask questions, and build confidence in their Jewish identities.

Classroom Management

- Maintain a well-organized classroom that promotes learning.
- Coordinate disciplinary actions with the Director of Lifelong Engagement
- Uphold the Religious School's B'rit (social contract) and school policies.

Communication and Collaboration

- Partner with families, clergy, administrators, and fellow teachers to support student learning and well-being.
- Communicate with parent class representatives and families, as appropriate, regarding classroom activities, student progress, or concerns.

Administrative Responsibilities

- Record attendance each class session using ShulCloud.
- Accurately record work hours using Paycor.
- Attend faculty orientation and professional development workshops.
- Participate in Religious School programs, holiday celebrations, family learning opportunities, and other synagogue events as requested.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent required; college coursework or degree in education, Jewish Studies, or a related field a plus.
- Knowledge of Jewish traditions and an understanding of Reform Jewish values and practices.
- Previous teaching experience required; experience in Jewish education, camps, youth programs, or informal education is highly desirable.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills with children, families, and colleagues.
- Basic proficiency with Google Workspace and educational technology.
- Reliable transportation, punctuality, and consistent attendance.
- Applicants subject to a background check.

Schedule

- Sundays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Employment dates: August 9, 2026 – May 7, 2027
- Religious School observes the synagogue calendar, including Jewish and national holidays.

Compensation & Support

- \$34 per hour, including paid planning time.
- Curriculum, teaching materials, mentoring, and professional development are provided.
- Safety and security training provided.
- CPR/First Aid Certification provided.

To Apply

Please submit a letter of interest and résumé to:

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Religious School Coordinator

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