



Job Description: Director of Judaic Studies

Akiba-Schechter is excited to be accepting applications for the role of Director of Judaic Studies to join our amazing team. We are seeking a dynamic, innovative and creative person who has a deep love and understanding of Jewish education, Jewish texts, Judaism and the diverse tapestry that makes up the Jewish people and humanity. The person we seek believes that their role is to create opportunities for our students to be active participants in their Jewish learning so that they are not spectators in the audience, but rather participants on the stage. They believe that for Judaism to be taught well it must come alive in and out of the classroom and in a way that fosters love and connection to its beauty. We are looking for a strong leader and role model for our students, staff and families.

At Akiba-Schechter we are guided by the principle that we teach children, not subjects. As such, we are looking for a candidate who believes every one of our students is rich in potential and capable. They understand that in order for our students to achieve the necessary skills to learn Torah deeply, they must be meaningfully challenged at their current and ever growing capacity. It is the role of the Director of Judaic Studies to find ways and create systems to support our Judaic teachers in reaching every single student as effectively as possible. It is a position that is focused on implementing creative, innovative and entrepreneurial ideas into the Judaic program to build its future around developing those same characteristics in its students, with a clear focus on character building and Jewish values cultivation. The person we are looking for understands that it is not just what our students learn, but who they become.

The Director of Judaic Studies will lead the implementation of the school-wide strategic plan specific to the Judaics program which includes: enhancing the Judaics and Hebrew language program, designing and supporting a consistent pedagogy to our general studies, and achieving an environment where teachers show respect for diverse beliefs and practices. Our Judaic curriculum is based upon original texts and modern Orthodox practice, driven by the philosophy of *Torah Ummadah* (Torah and Worldly Knowledge), with respect for the differences in Jewish observance and perspectives on Judaism within the student body. We strive to provide our young men and women with a passion for and knowledge of Judaism and humanity. Our goal is to promote scholarship for the soul and mind through teaching children, not subjects, with a

strong commitment to in-depth Torah and worldly study, the state of Israel, Jewish values and Halacha (law), and human dignity.

The Director of Judaic Studies works directly and collaboratively with the Principal reporting directly to the Head of School. As part of a collaborative admin team, the Director of Judaic Studies will be actively involved in all administrative leadership decisions of the school and will be an equal partner in creating and implementing new ideas. For these reasons, we are looking for someone who values collaboration and has strongly developed interpersonal skills. They understand that collaboration is about the creation of ideas that never existed until after everyone entered the room.

Start Date: July 1st, 2018

Qualifications:

- At least two years of educational administrative experience in a Jewish Day School
- A masters degree in education or comparable advanced degree
- Rabbinical ordination or similar advanced Judaic studies certification or study

Please send all resumes to jobs@asjds.org

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