



Job Title: Youth and Children Director/s

Number of roles: Would suit a married couple or a team of 2-4 individuals

Location: Gatley, Cheadle, Greater Manchester

Hours: Average 20hrs/week (split between the couple/team). Longer hours around the chagim.

Salary: Competitive

Job Description:

Yeshurun, a vibrant and friendly Modern Orthodox community in South Manchester, is seeking exceptional Youth and children Directors to run a programme of services and events for children, teenagers and families.

The Youth Directors will need to be creative, enthusiastic and self-motivated with experience in informal Jewish education. The youth and children directors will be expected to provide for the religious, educational and social needs of younger members of our community and their families. They will plan, promote and run a programme of exciting activities, especially on Shabbat and chagim to give younger members of the community rich and rewarding Jewish experiences. The Youth Directors will attract youth from a variety of religious backgrounds and empower them to be Jewish and Zionist leaders in the community and beyond.

Yeshurun is the sole Orthodox community in the Cheadle and Gatley area catering to around 350 families who are synagogue members. The community benefits from both the warm intimacy of a provincial community as well as the facilities needed for a religious lifestyle: kosher food, daily minyanim, a local mikvah and planning permission for an eruv. There is also a Jewish primary school in Gatley and a coach to Jewish secondary schools in North Manchester.

Responsibilities:

Children and Families:

- To plan and run children's services.
- To plan and execute programmes for children and families around chagim.
- To help provide activities for children at community-wide events.
- To foster good relationship with young families in the Cheadle-Gatley area - both existing families and those not involved shul activity

Teenagers:

- To foster good relationship with Jewish youth in the Cheadle-Gatley area with both existing youth and those not involved shul activity
- To run social activities for youth over Shabbat or whenever appropriate during the week, including activities to attract all levels of religious observance.
- To run a youth minyanim when appropriate.
- To encourage and support youth participation in services and Shul activities.

- To ensure there is provision for and encouragement of teenage girls to be involved in the community.
- To help co-ordinate for Bat/Bar Mitzvah programmes.
- To provide Torah learning opportunities for youth
- To run or outsource sessions on Israel activism, leadership and general enrichment

General:

- To work closely with the Rabbinic and lay leadership to maintain the unique ethos of the Yeshurun Community which is Modern Orthodox and Zionist.
- To support the wider community through attending community events, minyanim, leading services, leyning and teaching (dependent on ability and availability).
- To be inclusive and welcoming of shul members and the wider community with a diversity of life experiences.
- To advertise youth events on social media as appropriate as well as personal contacts.
- To coordinate with the board, CST, Safeguarding officers and others as appropriate to ensure safety and welfare of youth in the community.
- To adhere to halakha and the standards of Orthodox Judaism as decided by the Rabbi.

PERSON SPECIFICATION - YOUTH DIRECTOR

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Experience of working in a Youth and Community Work setting and running programmes on a full or part-time basis.	X	
One year or more spent in Yeshiva or Midrasha.		X
Be fully committed to the philosophy and of Orthodox Judaism. Have a good understanding of the Jewish community, Judaism and Jewish values Connected to the Land of Israel and its people	X X X	
Have experience working with young people across a wide range of ages.		X
Have experience in working successfully with both religious, non-religious and non-committed youth. Understand empowerment of young people and put this into practice.	X X	
Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, and ability to create own programmes and activities. Excellent interpersonal skills, be articulate and self-motivated and have the self-confidence to build and maintain strong relationships.	X X	

Able to work within deadlines, and in a very dynamic environment.	X	
Have the knowledge and experience to give shiurim and lead discussions at a range of levels.		X
Excellent understanding of issues affecting the lives of teenagers.	X	
Energetic and proactive attitude.	X	
Creative with own ideas for programmes and activities.	X	
Excellent social media abilities.		X
Proven experience as a proactive and strong team member contributing to the success of the wider team and organisational goals.	X	
Familiarity with safeguarding procedures for young people (training to an appropriate level will be provided if not already completed).	X	
Understanding welfare issues that may arise with children and teenagers.		