

## **Director of Congregational Education**

### **Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation**

Are you a creative Jewish educator with a vision of collaborating with a rabbi and lay leadership to foster community-wide educational engagement in a spirited Conservative synagogue?

Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation is a warm, inclusive, egalitarian synagogue community in greater New Orleans that honors tradition while embracing modernity, where all are welcome to join in praying, learning, and celebrating together. The only Conservative synagogue in the New Orleans area, Shir Chadash is a dynamic, vibrant congregation with over 300 member units, approximately 50 children and teens enrolled in educational programming, and a robust, active adult education program.

The job includes:

#### **Youth and Family Engagement**

- Religious School: Direct the Congregation's religious school (which meets weekly for preschoolers-1st graders and twice weekly for 2nd-6th graders). Continue to develop and revise the existing curriculum. Hire, train, and supervise religious school teachers. Maintain regular communication with parents and help coordinate parent volunteers. (Approximately 30 children ages 3 to 11 currently enrolled in religious school.)
- Teens: Collaborate with the rabbi in long term strategic visioning of bar/bat mitzvah program. Initiate and direct all programming for post-b'nai mitzvah teens, including teaching twice monthly Sunday evening teen classes. (Approximately 20 teens in 7th-12th grade currently enrolled.)
- Family: Maintain meaningful communication with all young families, in person and electronically.
- Create and implement a variety of Friday evening and Shabbat morning programming for children and families. Manage Shabbat, holiday, and periodic Sunday morning babysitting.
- Holidays: Plan, publicize, and lead holiday programming for children in conjunction with synagogue programming.

#### **Adult Engagement**

- Envision, develop, implement, and teach, in conjunction with the rabbi, a robust calendar of adult education and congregational learning, including Judaic texts, davening skills, and Hebrew at all levels.

#### **Community Engagement**

- Maintain an active presence during Shabbat and holiday services and celebrations.
- Seek out, invite, and program yearly lecture series/Scholar in Residence.
- Plan and program biennial congregational retreat in collaboration with the rabbi and lay leadership.

- Establish and maintain an active relationship with the Jewish Community Day School leadership, including collaboration on joint programming.
- Produce written learning materials for the community in collaboration with the rabbi.
- Create and nurture new learning and community-building initiatives to bring Jewish education to presently underserved sectors of the community.
- Collaborate on community projects (e.g. consultation on the forthcoming community mikvah).
- Attend committee and board meetings as necessary to communicate and implement the educational vision of the community.

Desired qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree minimum, Master's degree preferred
- Significant Judaic and educational experience
- Competent Hebrew skills (e.g. able to teach Hebrew at all levels)
- Knowledgeable about Conservative Judaism
- Experience with supervision and management of teachers and professional staff
- Computer literacy, including social media, Microsoft Office, and other relevant software and platforms
- Demonstrated success in teamwork, innovation, and leadership
- Ability and passion for incorporating music into programming is a plus
- Knowledge of nusach and trope, and ability to lead services, is a plus

This is a full time position. Salary is \$50K with a generous benefits package (this is consistent with salaries in the New Orleans area).

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to: [shirchadashsearch@gmail.com](mailto:shirchadashsearch@gmail.com).

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