



TEMPLE ISRAEL

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT POSITION

Overview of Temple Israel's Educational Mission:

Temple Israel (www.timemphis.org), Tennessee's largest and oldest synagogue, seeks to provide our congregants as well as the broader community with compelling and exciting learning experiences and engagement opportunities that deepen understanding of and commitment to Reform Judaism, help us to explore our relationships with God, enable us to integrate the wisdom of our sacred texts into our lives, connect us to Israel and the wider Jewish world, and guide us toward lifelong involvement in the Jewish community. In light of the fact that the Jewish world is changing at a fast pace, we recognize the need to adapt our educational structures and methods so as to meet new generations and demographics where they are in an effort to ensure Jewish continuity. As a flagship institution of liberal Judaism, we strive to create cutting-edge models of engagement that inform and touch the lives of our member families and the greater community at-large. The Director of Learning and Engagement will be responsible for creating and implementing a vibrant and dynamic vision for education and engagement that challenges and inspires people of all ages, ensuring that we continually think strategically and creatively about learning, and providing our congregants and our community with transformative educational experiences.

Requirements for the Director of Learning and Engagement:

We are seeking a director with strong educational instincts, extensive background in Jewish learning and meaningful managerial experience. The ability to execute is paramount. Specific requirements include the following:

- Strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills.
- Engaging presence with children, teens, parents, young adults and all other adults.
- Desire to be part of a senior leadership team comprised of professionals who are experts in their fields.
- Ability to supervise and mentor other educational professionals.
- Experience designing exciting and challenging curriculum for students of various ages.
- Knowledge of and comfort with Reform Jewish practice, Hebrew, and the broad spectrum of Jewish institutions and organizations.
- Fluency with technology, including social media.

Responsibilities of the Position:

The Director of Learning and Engagement will have significant strategic, educational, and managerial responsibilities, which are outlined below. It is our hope that the Director of Learning and Engagement will lead an initial strategic process to review and, as appropriate, revise our overall approach to education and engagement. We hope s/he will ensure that we remain at the forefront of innovation and effectiveness by staying current with educational "best practices" within the Jewish world and beyond. Other responsibilities include developing and implementing a plan for the critical transitions between educational stages (e.g. nursery school to religious school, religious school to confirmation/youth group, youth group to college, college to young adult life) and effectively utilizing technology to connect with all segments of our community. Specific responsibilities include:

- Supervising the Lipman ELC Director and supervise/manage all aspects of Temple's Department of Education
- Working closely with leadership to develop annual budgets and conduct budget reviews.
- Coordinating and supporting integration and planning across our educational spectrum.
- Coordinating and supervising the development of programs that span more than one age group (e.g. Tot Shabbat, family programs for elementary, high school programs, etc).
- Collaborating with the Communications Department to create and execute a communications strategy in support of Temple Israel's education and engagement objectives and programs.

Salary **Competitive**

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