

JOB POSTING: **Religious School Director (P/T)**



Kol Ami means “Voice of My People” in Hebrew. Our **Elkins Park, PA** congregation was founded in 1994 as a Reform synagogue with the goal of creating and sustaining an intimate and purposeful Jewish community. We are a spiritual community, committed to Judaism, to Israel and to each other. Through our philosophy of inclusiveness and diversity, we strive to provide a welcoming home to Reform Jews of different backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, and interests in religious practice, as well as for interfaith families.

Our community's values of social justice, inclusivity, and respect underlie every aspect of Kol Ami's Religious School. With this in mind, we are seeking a part-time (25 hours/week) Religious School Director to assume the responsibilities of creating a safe, welcoming learning environment that fosters students' exploration of their Jewish identity and prepares them to lead fulfilling and joyous Jewish lives. Working in collaboration with the Rabbi, Executive Director, lay leadership, families, and the broader congregation, the Religious School Director is expected to hire and train highly quality staff, encourage creative programming, cultivate partnerships, and manage the logistics (i.e. budget, schedules, calendar, and policies) to offer a unique, intimate, and highly engaging learning space for our young members.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A minimum of 3 years experience leading a supplemental Jewish religious school
- Experience enhancing children's participation in Jewish culture and community through creative, collaborative, and child-centered Hebrew and Jewish education
- Strong background in empowering children as lifelong learners and leaders in the Jewish community and beyond, through experiential learning, practice of tikkun olam, critical thinking, and open dialogue.
- Respect for, and ability to relate to and connect with kids, including those in interfaith families, with diverse learning needs, different backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, and interests in religious practice
- Ability to communicate and partner effectively with staff, lay leadership, and families.

The Religious School Director reports directly to Rabbi and Committee Chair and is strongly encouraged to become part of the Kol Ami community. To this end, we require the Religious School Director to be present at the synagogue at least 15 hours per week (as part of the 25 hour total) and invite them to be part of the B'nai Mitzvah and grade level services when possible.

For the 2019-2020 year, our school hours are Wednesdays 4:30-6:00 PM and Sundays 10:00-12:00 Noon. We look forward to working with the new Religious School Director throughout the year to design a program that speaks to the uniqueness of our Kol Ami community and the strengths of our new educator.

SALARY: Negotiable

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send resumes and cover letters to Dr. Tamara Sniad, Chair, Religious School Committee tamarasniad@gmail.com and Rabbi Leah Berkowitz rabbi@kolamielkinspark.org