

## Teen Engagement Coordinator

### JOB DESCRIPTION

JEWISHcolorado strengthens and connects the Jewish community in Colorado, Israel, and around the globe by creating diverse pathways to engage in Judaism. During these unprecedented times, JEWISHcolorado is at the forefront of mobilizing, sustaining, and educating our Jewish community while continuing to honor our past and plan for our future.

**POSITION SUMMARY:** The Teen Engagement Coordinator will work on two of JEWISHcolorado's teen programs, Jewish Student Connection (JSC) and Joyce Zeff Israel Study Tour (IST). JSC focuses on impacting teens and ensuring they make meaningful personal connections with Jewish culture, Jewish people, Israel, and each other in a public-school environment. In this role, you will serve as a charismatic and strategic thought leader to engage and mentor Jewish and non-Jewish teens in Jewish cultural clubs at Denver & Boulder metro-area public high schools. IST is the Colorado community teen trip to Poland and Israel, taking an average 60 incoming seniors each summer on a four-week trip. In this role you will support recruitment, pre and post-trip programming and will staff the trip over the summer.

#### **ABOUT JEWISH STUDENT CONNECTION**

Jewish Student Connection uses a public-school based club model as a catalyst for educating, engaging, and helping Jewish and non-Jewish teens feel a sense of belonging by providing experiential student-led programming and mentorship opportunities. JSC promotes Jewish programming and relationship building for over 600 teens in 17 public high schools. Teens today are stretched thin and pulled in many directions. JSC meets teens where they are with a low barrier to entry model. JSC creates an inclusive, welcoming environment for Jewish and non-Jewish teens to gather weekly, providing social connections, mentorship, and opportunities to engage in meaningful Jewish experiences while eating pizza or bagels. These experiences support Jewish and non-Jewish teens during a critical period of their identity development. In addition, JSC is positioned to help students, teachers, and administrators combat antisemitism at public high schools in Colorado.

#### **ABOUT JOYCE ZEFF ISRAEL STUDY TOUR**

For over fifty years, IST has helped Jewish Coloradans connect to Israel and their Jewish heritage and history. IST is the oldest community trip in the country taking teens to Israel. IST combines extraordinary adventure, exceptional leaders with years of experience, and a commitment to education and Jewish values. IST is open to all incoming seniors in high school who live or are connected to the Colorado Jewish community. Participants gather to learn about Israel, themselves, and start their Israel journey with their peers monthly prior to departure.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Mentor JSC student club leaders to help guide, plan and implement teen-led programs
- Attend and lead all in-person or virtual programs for daily JSC clubs and monthly IST programs
- Organize weekly club materials and food in coordination with other JSC staff and student leaders that inspire Jewish pride, identity, and values

- Implement JSC mentorship program, building and maintaining relationships with leaders and students through weekly one-on-one meetings
- Work closely with five Israeli teen emissaries, who attend every club and IST program
- Manage CampMinder and RootOne logistics for IST
- Manage JSC data tracking, surveys, and communication systems
- Recruit and market IST program to high school juniors
- Manage JSC and IST social media accounts
- Travel to Poland and Israel over the summer for 5 weeks as IST staff

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor's degree
- Experience working and connecting with high school teens, preferably Jewish teens
- Strong Jewish and Israel experiential education background

### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- Demonstrates the JEWISHcolorado core values:
  - Effective collaboration
  - Open and respectful communication
  - Reliability and accountability
  - Critical thinking, innovation, and creativity
  - Being a good ambassador for the organization
- A self-starter and charismatic personality with the ability to work independently and in a team
- A strong work ethic, and the ability to take calculated risks and learn from successes and failures
- Passionate about working with high school students and nurturing the next generation of Jewish leaders
- Ability to organize and manage teens, multiple clubs, schedules, and projects simultaneously
- Daily use of personal car for programs (mileage reimbursed)
- Experience working with Microsoft 365 and Instagram
- Experience traveling to Israel

**Salary:** \$57,000 per year. Benefits include vacation, sick leave, FSA, HSA, HRA, health, vision, dental, disability, life insurance, gym membership, 401(k) match.

**Position Type:** Start date is May. This position requires regular weekday work hours as well as some night and weekend programming, community-partnered programming, meetings, and active participation in programs that occur outside of a traditional work schedule for a total of 37.5-hour per week, exempt.

**To Apply:** Please forward a resume and cover letter to [jfeiger@JEWISHcolorado.org](mailto:jfeiger@JEWISHcolorado.org)