

Position Overview

Job Title: Senior Rabbi

Location: Manchester Reform Synagogue

Reports To: Executive Committee/Council/Trustees

Job Type: Full-Time / Job Share

Job Summary

We are seeking an inspiring, compassionate, and knowledgeable Senior Rabbi to lead and spiritually guide our congregation. The Rabbi will be responsible for providing religious, educational, and pastoral leadership, fostering a sense of community, and promoting Jewish values and traditions. The ideal candidate will have a deep commitment to Jewish learning, a passion for teaching, and a warm and approachable demeanor.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Spiritual Leadership:

- Lead religious services, including Shabbat, High Holy Days, and other Jewish holidays.
- Deliver inspiring sermons and teachings that connect traditional texts to contemporary issues.
- Oversee life cycle events such as Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, funerals, and baby naming ceremonies.

2. Pastoral Care:

- Provide pastoral counseling and support to members in times of joy and crisis.
- Visit sick and homebound congregants and offer emotional and spiritual guidance.
- Support vulnerable members and promote inclusivity.

3. Education:

- Teach Torah classes, adult education, and youth programs.
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes, offering support and guidance to students and their families.
- Take an active role in the teaching of our Access to Judaism class.

4. Community Engagement:

- Foster a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere within the synagogue and community.
- Collaborate with lay leaders to plan and implement programs that engage diverse demographics.
- Work with our Greater Manchester Reform sister congregation's Rabbinical teams to build and maintain a wider sense of community.
- Seek to work alongside the local community in Manchester city itself and work with other volunteer groups.

5. Membership Growth:

- Help Develop initiatives to attract and retain members, enhancing the overall sense of community.
- Engage with potential new members and support their integration into the congregation.

Additional Responsibilities

You may also be required to:

- Participate in board meetings and provide input on synagogue policies, community, and direction.
- Represent the synagogue in interfaith and community activities.

Qualifications

Education:

- Ordination from a rabbinical seminary recognized by the Assembly of Reform Rabbis and Cantors UK.

Knowledge:

- Deep knowledge of Jewish laws, customs, and traditions, with an ability to relate them to modern life.

Skills:

- Excellent communication and public speaking skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills with an ability to connect with people of all ages and those where communication may be difficult.
- Proven ability to work collaboratively with staff, lay leaders, and congregants.

Personal Attributes

- Approachable, empathetic, and a good listener.

- Passionate about Jewish education and outreach.
- Open-minded, with a willingness to embrace diversity within the Jewish community.
- Innovative and proactive in addressing the needs of a modern congregation.
- Support and share our community's core beliefs.

Compensation and Benefits

- Competitive salary commensurate with experience in line with the Movement for Reform Judaism Rabbinical Pay scale.
- Benefits package including Pension, Sick Pay and Death in Service
- Professional development opportunities.
- Relocation assistance (if applicable).

How to Apply

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