

**Job Description  
Full-Time Adventure Rabbi  
In Boulder, Colorado**



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**The Adventure Rabbi Program is excited to announce we are recruiting a Rabbi to succeed our current Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Jamie Korngold.**

Could this be your dream career? We are eager to identify a talented, creative Rabbi with strong teaching experience who is seeking an out-of-the-box rabbinate, filled to the brim with opportunities to touch lives and reimagine Jewish life.

If you like outdoor activities, one-on-one teaching, innovative educational programs and traveling to beautiful places, this may be the career for you.

The person who accepts this job will train with and be mentored by Rabbi Jamie Korngold, our congregation's founder, for two years, learning and participating in every nook and cranny of the enterprise. He or she will then work alongside Rabbi Jamie Korngold for the next two years. **It is our hope that after these four years, the person who accepts this position will be poised to become the Senior Rabbi and allow Rabbi Jamie to transition into an administrative and emeritus role.**

The Adventure Rabbi Program is nationally recognized for our innovative approach to Judaism. We combine thoughtful programming, compelling theology, vibrant teaching and technology to reach around the globe as we pioneer new models of Jewish engagement.

The Adventure Rabbi: Synagogue Without Walls, a 501(c)(3) based in Boulder, Colorado, was founded by Rabbi Jamie Korngold in 2001 and has since expanded to include a Distance Learning Program with students learning online



Reading Torah on Passover Retreat in Moab



from Bangkok, Baghdad, England, Switzerland and more. Made famous by our Adventure B'nai Mitzvah class, we also host a camp-like religious school, three retreats a year, a robust teen program, adult education and a day camp.

We are based in Boulder, Colorado, a college town which boasts a progressive community, awe-inspiring outdoor activities, top-notch schools, a Google campus, rabbinic colleagues, and abundant opportunities to live a healthy life-style. Our next Rabbi will relocate to Boulder with the intention of making this community his/her home for the indefinite future.



**Our next Rabbi will assume a diverse portfolio of responsibilities including:**

1. Guiding our Adventure B'nai Mitzvah Class
2. Bar and Bat Mitzvah training in person and online
3. Hebrew Tutoring in person and online
4. Officiating at Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies around the world
5. Officiating at weddings, often for interfaith couples, in beautiful locations
6. Leading outdoor events
7. Being part of our leadership team for Adventure Rabbi outdoor retreats
8. Teaching Adventure Rabbi Kids, our alternative religious school
9. Creating an online learning curriculum for our international students
10. Music! You need to be able to carry a tune. If you don't play guitar, we are willing to arrange lessons for you because this is a skill you will need.





**Details:**

**1. Adventure B'nai Mitzvah Class**

You will be mentored by Rabbi Jamie to lead the Adventure B'nai Mitzvah class, the jewel in our crown. You will help guide students up mountain peaks, take them snowshoeing in Rocky Mountain National Park, teach them to jumpstart cars and watch them bake challah during our annual Iron Chef Shabbat Showdown contest. Read more about our [totally amazing program here>>](#).



Hiking with the 31 Students in the 2016-2017 Adventure B'nai Mitzvah Class

**2. Individual Bar and Bat Mitzvah:**

Our next Rabbi will train students in our Individual Bar and Bat Mitzvah and Bar and Bat Yisrael programs and officiate at their ceremonies. This enables us to work one-on-one with students online and in our office. This is an opportunity to cultivate deep and meaningful relationships with your students.

Hopefully you enjoy traveling because we perform ceremonies all over the world. Recent ceremonies have taken us to Israel, Hawaii, Switzerland, British Columbia, Utah and New York City. Our students come from as far away as Australia, Bangkok, Iraq and Cambodia. [Please find the details about our creative and effective program>>](#)



### **3. Hebrew Tutoring Program:**

You will teach basic Hebrew, prayers and Torah in the context of private and small group Hebrew tutoring, online and in person, for national and international students. This is a unique opportunity to work closely with students and deeply influence their Jewish identity. By year three of this position, you will likely have too many students to enable you to continue Hebrew tutoring and we expect at that point in your employment we will need to hire a dedicated Hebrew tutor to take over this portion of your work. However, it is important that you experience it because it is the secret ingredient in our special sauce.

### **4. Weddings:**

Our next Rabbi will perform many weddings in locations all around Colorado. This will be a lovely opportunity to visit some of Colorado's gorgeous locales. Imagine, you may be called upon to go to Aspen, Crested Butte, Rocky Mountain National Park and beyond. Don't be surprised if you are asked to perform weddings on skis, horseback or a mountain peak.

Many of our weddings are for interfaith couples and often for Jews for whom Judaism is no longer a core part of their lives. Working with these couples provides us with a powerful opportunity to draw them back into Judaism in a meaningful way.



## 5. Retreat Program:

Rabbi Jamie Korngold will call upon you to help lead the Adventure Rabbi Program's retreats. Eventually, this totally incredible part of your work will become your baby to run. Get ready to read from the Torah surrounded by the towering red rock walls of a Utah canyon and to put on your white hiking "outfit" for our Yom Kippur stroll!



Our three major retreats are Passover in Moab, Rosh Hashanah in Cripple Creek (south of Boulder) and Yom Kippur in Boulder. Additionally, we are occasionally invited to lead retreat for other groups such as Moishe House, JCC's and synagogues.

We only deliver two sermons a year, at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. No weekly preaching in the job but twice a year you get to give a grand one!

After a trip, when you post photos of your hike through the red rock of Moab or a Rosh Hashanah service with the jagged peaks of the Continental Divide in the background, your Facebook friends are sure to comment, "Is your full-time job making sure we know you have the best job on the planet?" See our past trip photos here:



[http://www.adventurerabbi.org/photo\\_gallery.htm](http://www.adventurerabbi.org/photo_gallery.htm)





### **6. Adventure Rabbi Kids – Alternative Religious School**

Adventure Rabbi Kids, our alternative religious school for grades 1-6, meets a little more often than monthly. Think of it like camp, we do. Imagine a curriculum loaded with games, activities, crafts and singing. You will add your expertise to the mix– and hopefully your musical talent-- as we continue to build this radically different approach to Jewish learning.

### **7. Online Learning**

Our goal is to create an online program that mirrors the philosophy of our in-person school. Our next Rabbi will be in charge of this endeavor.



We have students out of state who want to participate in learning opportunities pre-B'nai Mitzvah. Currently, our educator's schedule is booked with Hebrew students, making her unavailable. An online class with several students and an established curriculum would make this type of learning more accessible.

This is a new project and would enable the Rabbi to be creative, experimental and innovative.

## 8. Outdoor Programs

The Rabbi will offer one Jewish outdoor program a month of your creation and choosing.

**General Skill Sets: We realize we may not be able to find one person with all these skills. However, if you have many of them and an interest in the rest, let's talk.**



- **Love working with youth.**

Most (but not all of your time) will be leading and teaching youth and families.

- **Outdoor savvy.**

You will be leading outdoor trips. Our community loves hiking, skiing, biking, camping and so on. We spend lots of time outdoors. You will need to be certified as a Wilderness First Responder and keep the certification current, but you need not already be certified to apply.

- **Comfortable with technology** and computers and interested in learning more. We strive to use cutting edge technology and are always looking to further our program in this area.

- **Musical ability.**

You will be leading services without a cantor. If you are not particularly musical, you must be able to figure out a way to bring music to the program. We would especially like to someone who can bring song-leading ability to Adventure Rabbi Kids.



- **Creative, out of the box thinker.**

Really. This isn't something we are just saying. We strive for the Steve Jobs / Apple computer model – by creating things that people didn't even know were possible to ask for.



- **Theologically consistent** with the ideas set forth in Rabbi Korngold's book, *The God Upgrade*. You do not have to believe exactly what Rabbi Korngold believes, but if your theology is contrary to hers, this position will not be a good fit. We do not believe that God intervenes in our lives and our tendency is toward the secular and cultural. We are not a God-centered community.

- **Self-Starter.**

Rabbi Korngold's supervision manner invests a great deal of trust in a person. The expectation is that when you are given a project, you will be given guidance and support, but that you will be the primary mover and shaker bringing it to fruition.

- **Solid writing skills,** with a voice that is polite and clear.

- **Confident demeanor,** but not arrogant, entitled or self-absorbed.







**Salary and Comments on Salary:**

The complete package range for this position, which can be sub-divided however you wish (i.e. parsonage, moving expenses, ski pass, pension, conference budget, health insurance, etc.) is \$80,000 – \$120,000. You will have **two days off each week**, Thursday and Friday (except occasionally when you are leading a program). **Your salary will go up significantly each year, as you are ready to take on more students, which bring in more income.**

**You Might Wonder:**

**Why does this position pay less than many standard first-year salaries in the rabbinic field, and why would I want a job with less pay than I might be able to obtain elsewhere?**

We work here because we love what we do and we believe in our mission. Working at the Adventure Rabbi Program enables us – perhaps forces us!-- to be rigorously creative.



This organization is nimble and maneuverable. We come up with a new idea and readily turn it into action.

True, our budget is small. But it is stable and sustainable. Simply, we earn our salaries. If a program does not support itself financially, we shed a tear and cut the program. We only keep programs that are excellent, and pay for themselves. Likewise, our staff earns their salaries. The more we work, the more we earn. We use a bonus system tied to our revenue. It is a tough model, however it keeps us excellent and it works.

You will have a manageable schedule of 40-50 hour weeks often with two days off, including Friday nights.

We like our team. We trust one another. We rely on one another. We actively support, encourage, and appreciate one another.

Most importantly, every day we make a real impact on the families with whom we work. We are able to work directly with the students and this fills our days with I-Thou encounters. Dayenu.







**Terms:**

The initial contract will be for 2-years and may be renewed indefinitely. Our intention is to hire a long-term employee to replace our founder Rabbi Jamie Korngold.

**Application:**

To apply send your CV and letter of interest to Paula Martin, [info@adventurerabbi.org](mailto:info@adventurerabbi.org)

Did you know that Rabbi Korngold is the author of eleven books with more than 500,000 copies in circulation, which help spread our message far and wide.

