

## **Job Description: Full-Time Director of Education in Boulder, Colorado**

The Adventure Judaism Congregation is seeking a talented, passionate, creative Director of Education.

This is a full-time position, based in Boulder, Colorado. Please do not apply if you are not able to relocate to the Boulder area.

### **Portfolio:**

1. Hebrew Tutoring: individual and small group, in-person and distance learning via Skype or web-based platforms
2. Family and Children's Programming at Adventure Judaism outdoor retreats, including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Passover. (Note that our retreats take us to mountain and desert locations outside of Boulder)
3. Director of Adventure Rabbi Kids (ARK), our alternative religious school for students in grades 1-6
4. Recruit, hire, train and supervise education staff including Hebrew tutors and ARK teachers
5. Lead and organize one outdoor Shabbat program per month of your choosing
6. Teen Programming



### **Minimum Requirements:**

- Undergraduate Degree (B.A. or B.S.)
- Two years Teaching Experience
- Proven ability to teach Hebrew beginning with Aleph-Bet
- Demonstrated ability to teach prayers (Reform liturgy)
- Pleasant singing voice
- Know Torah trope or be able to learn it before beginning position
- Willing to travel and work on Shabbat

## **Position Specifics:**

### **1. Hebrew Tutoring**

Specifics include:

- One-on-one and small group tutoring of Hebrew. The Educator will be responsible for tutoring Hebrew students 25-30 hours a week, online and in person. This is a unique opportunity to work closely with students and deeply influence their Jewish identity.
- Includes basic Hebrew decoding ranging from basic Aleph–Bet to chanting of prayers and chanting Torah
- Creating recordings of Torah portions (Must know trope or be prepared to learn it before beginning the job.)
- The Educator will hire, supervise and coach other tutors as needed

### **2. Retreat Program**

Plan and run the children and family programs at Adventure Judaism retreats:

- Rosh Hashanah Retreat, Coal Creek Canyon, CO
- Yom Kippur retreat, in Boulder, CO
- Passover Retreat, in Moab, UT

### **3. Monthly Shabbat Outdoor Event**

The Educator will be responsible for designing and leading one outdoor Shabbat event per month. Past and current events have included, Shabbat at a ski resort, hikes, snowshoe trips, trash clean-up in a park, and peak climbs. This event can be for families, adults, teens or other demographics. The possibilities are as open as your creativity allows!

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

Adventure Rabbi Kids, our alternative religious school, serves grades 1-6 and currently meets a little more often than monthly. Our school needs a complete overhaul, so this is an opportunity to make your mark! We plan to hire an Educator who can evaluate our current program, and then dream big, implement your own vision and recreate our school. Here is your opportunity to be innovative and think outside of the box!

Once the school is back up and thriving, it's your baby! From teaching classes, to hiring and supervising staff, from buying supplies to writing the curriculum, from sending emails to parents to recruiting students – you get to



do it your way! Our Board and Rabbi Korngold will coach and support you, and this will be your domain.

## **5. Teen Programs**

Our Teen Programming could use a bit of a reboot too! The options are limitless. Dream big and create something your own kids would enjoy.

## **6. Mentor/Supervision**

You will be mentored and supervised by Rabbi Korngold, who will help you hone your skills so that you will succeed in this unique and exacting environment.



**General Skill Sets:** We realize we may not be able to find one person with all of 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 your time) will be leading and teaching youth and engaging with their families. We need to see your contagious enthusiasm when working with youth. You need not be teaching certified to apply.

- **Comfortable with technology**

You should be comfortable with computers and interested in learning more. We strive to use cutting edge technology and are always looking to further expand our program in this area.

- **Musical ability**

This is a bonus but we really, really, really, would love another person on our team who can sing and play guitar with us! We would be thrilled to discover an educator with song-leading experience.

- **Innovative, 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.

- **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 pass Advanced First Aid and keep the certification current, but do not need to be

certified to apply.

- **Theologically consistent**

Your theological beliefs should align 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.

- **Self-Starter**

Rabbi Korngold's supervisory style invests a great deal of trust in her staff. The expectation is that when you are given a project, you will be provided guidance and support, but that you will be the primary mover and shaker to bring it to fruition.

- **Solid writing skills**

You should be a very good writer with a voice that is polite and clear.

- **Confident demeanor**

You should exude and express confidence but not arrogance or self-absorption.

- **Organized**

You will be keeping your own schedule, files and records and will also be submitting billing requests for your teaching time.

- **Professional**

We are known for making learning fun, and we are a professional organization with all the behaviors that align with that.



**Salary:**

Competitive salary in the non-profit marketplace plus health insurance. We will also pay for your First Aid course if you are not currently certified. This position has potential for rapid advancement and salary increases.

**Terms:**

The initial contract will be for 1-year and may be renewed indefinitely.

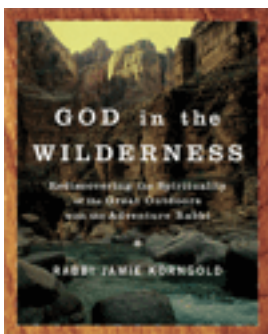




### **Program Background:**

Adventure Judaism has been 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 synagogue engagement.

Adventure Judaism, based in Boulder, Colorado, was founded by Rabbi Jamie Korngold in 2001 and has since expanded to include a distance learning program and a base in Lake Tahoe, California. Adding to our reach, Rabbi Korngold is the author of eleven books with over 600,000 copies in circulation.



### **Why this is a Great Place to Work:**

We work here because we love what we do, and we believe in our mission. Working at Adventure Judaism enables us – perhaps forces us-- to be rigorously creative. While our colleagues are sitting in committee meetings brainstorming new ideas, we are already in the classroom, online, or out on the trail implementing ideas into action.

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

True, our budget is small. But it is stable and sustainable. We are not asked to work endless hours. We are not asked to sit in a plethora of committee meetings.

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.

**Application: To apply send your CV and letter of interest to [jamie@adventurerabbi.org](mailto:jamie@adventurerabbi.org)**

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