

Early Childhood Education Director

West Suburban Temple Har Zion, a Conservative congregation in the Oak Park/River Forest area, seeks an innovative, energetic, and passionate educator to serve as its Early Childhood (EC) Director. This dynamic, and warm education professional will have knowledge of and commitment to Judaism and the Jewish community. Our Jewish preschool program is Reggio Emilia inspired, and is a preschool with extended day options. This person will lead our EC program during the school year, and our day camp in the summer months.. Our NAEYC accredited preschool is an integral part of our congregation and we are looking for a director who has the commitment and vision to effectively lead our program and integrate the program with the activities and membership of our synagogue.

The successful candidate will have solid teaching and administrative experience in early childhood education, must be able to hire, supervise, and develop teachers, and delegate responsibilities. The director is responsible for all aspects involved in preschool management, including: administration, operation and budget management of the program, and day-to-day teacher team management. The director will promote the program to the surrounding community, and will ensure facility and program licensing. The director will also be responsible for working with the teaching team in developing and implementing age-appropriate curriculum, and will design/maintain engaging enrichment programs. Must have a positive outlook, strong leadership skills, and good organization and communication skills, along with a passion for teaching Jewish values and traditions to young children and their families. The director should have the ability to develop strong relationships with students, parents, and staff.

Qualifications for the DCFS Director-licensed candidate include: MA preferred or BA in Early Childhood Education with a combination of 5 years of experience as an administrator and teacher, Jewish education background, and the understanding of and the ability to support an established Reggio philosophy-inspired program. The salary is commensurate with experience and education. Interested candidates should email their letter of introduction and resume to: office@wsthz.org.