NOTICE OF POSITION OPENING

AGENCY: Community Foundation for Jewish Education of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago (CFJE)

POSITION TITLE: Director of Israel Education

LOCATION: Chicago, IL

DUTIES: The Director of Israel Education is a new full-time position for an experienced and trained Israel Educator who will be responsible for supporting Israel Education in all K-12 Chicago-area Jewish educational institutions and for all Chicago-area education professionals. The Director of Israel Education will also have primary responsibility for all aspects of CFJE’s Ta’am Yisrael trip to Israel for 8th graders, and designing a robust and diverse pre-trip curriculum synced to the trip that is adaptable in any participating Jewish educational institution along with coordinating post-trip follow-up with the JUF Teen department.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

• Manage recruitment, content and logistics of the Ta’am Yisrael trip as well as innovate new models for the trip to meet expanding needs
• Design, implement and manage pre-and post-trip Israel education programming for use by area institutions sending teens on the Ta’am Yisrael trip and other Israel travel experiences
• Develop and implement a quality training curriculum for local teen professionals and educators who staff CFJE trips to become skilled Israel educators
• Work with local educators to develop unique Israel education programming and curriculum for use in local settings to meet local needs
• Serve as a conduit to disseminate quality Israel education resources from the iCenter and other Israel education resources to local educational institutions as well as integrate their training resources in to CFJE’s Israel Education work as appropriate.
• Present Israel Education professional development and professional learning programs to the local education community as needed

REQUIREMENTS:

• Minimum MA degree in Jewish education or its equivalent in general education with specialized training in Israel education.
• Minimum five years of experience in Israel education work and managerial responsibility for Israel travel programs.
• Demonstrated subject matter expertise on modern Israel
• Self-starter with a strong knowledge of supplementary/congregation-based education models, youth work, educational initiatives and residential camping.
• A clear understanding of the provision of education services, trends and emerging models in the field of Israel education, travel education, Jewish identity development and Experiential Jewish Education.
• Excellent interpersonal, organizational, written and oral communication skills and passion for working with teens and children.
• Minimal literacy in Modern Hebrew required with fluency preferred.

SALARY RANGE: competitive range

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