

JEWISH COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN
Jewish Family & Child Service - Portland, OR 97205
Salary commensurate with experience

TARGET START DATE: ASAP

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Jewish Community Chaplain
Employment Status: Full Time, Exempt
Program/Department: Administration
Supervisor: Executive Director, JFCS
Advised by: Oregon Board of Rabbis

This position is benefit eligible, including medical and dental insurance, 401K, and paid time off for vacation, sick and holiday.

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I. JOB SUMMARY Serves the pastoral, spiritual and educational needs of unaffiliated Jews throughout the Portland area who are ill, at end-of-life or experiencing life crises, or otherwise in need of rabbinic care outside of a traditional synagogue setting. These may be primarily those in hospitals, long-term care facilities, prisons and other institutions, but will likely include some contact with independent living facilities. Functions in concert with the vision of the organized Jewish community.

Educational Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution- counseling, psychology or theology are helpful.
- A Master's degree from an accredited institution in Theology (M Div) or Jewish studies, or counseling or similar.
- Rabbinic ordination from a recognized seminary.
- 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education (chaplains training)
- Certification through a professional organization such as the National Association of Jewish Chaplains or the Association of Professional Chaplains, or a commitment to acquire certification within a two year period after hire.

Experience of 2 years as a professional chaplain is preferred.

II. JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establishes close working relationships with independent living facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, funeral homes, and prisons, so that calls for rabbinic services are channeled directly to the Community Chaplain.
- Provides pastoral visits in response to requests that come to the Oregon Board of Rabbis, the Federation, and Jewish Family and Child Services to the unaffiliated, especially ill and dying individuals and their family members, in hospitals, long-term care facilities, resident hospices, and private homes. Provides spiritual support, prayers, information on Jewish practices, and practical advice and referrals to help these unaffiliated individuals and families cope with the situation. Contacts the respective congregational rabbi when aware of affiliated individuals in need of pastoral care.
- Provides emergency pastoral care to affiliated and unaffiliated Jews visiting from out- of-town.
- Maintains complete confidential records of clients served.
- Officiates at lifecycle events (funerals, also possibly weddings or other where religious conviction permits) for the unaffiliated. Provides spiritual support, advice and counsel to individuals and families who have lost a loved one.
- Provides pastoral visits to unaffiliated Jews incarcerated in correctional facilities when there is need for interaction with a rabbi. Provides consultation regarding spiritual and religious needs of Jewish inmates.
- Assists in situations of community crisis, such as wildfires and natural disasters.
- Establishes close working relationships with other community rabbis, so that cross- referrals may occur, and so that rabbis agree to substitute when the Community Chaplain is not available. Provides emergency pastoral coverage when needed for out-of-town colleagues. Receives referrals when unaffiliated individuals call synagogues for assistance. Encourages individuals and families to affiliate with synagogues and participate in the organized Jewish community.
- Establishes close working relationships with other communal agencies. Refers Chaplaincy clients to support groups, bereavement groups, and other programs. Where such programs are unavailable, the Community Rabbi may offer or create such programs.
- Serves as a spiritual resource for the Jewish Federation and the overall Portland Jewish community. Presents Divre Torah at Federation Board

meetings when invited by the Board chair. Participates in Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration, Yom HaShoah and other Jewish community events. Creates holiday programming and educational opportunities where desired as time permits (not to conflict with other available community opportunities).

- Serves as a communal and educational liaison with health care chaplains of other faiths and provides ongoing education to such chaplains about such matters as Jewish rituals and attitudes regarding terminal illness, end-of-life issues and death.
- Provides consultation on Jewish medical ethics as appropriate.
- Works closely with the staff of local hospitals to help ensure that the spiritual and religious needs of Jewish patients are met.
- Ensures that hospitals and other institutions have necessary ritual items such as prayer books, matza for Pesah, Hanukkah menorahs, etc.
- Provides resources and/or referrals for long-term care facilities wishing on-site group Jewish programming.
- Represents the organized Jewish community at appropriate Portland area community events.
- Submits report at monthly meeting of the Oregon Board of Rabbis, JFCS, and the Jewish Federation of Portland.

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Application Guidelines/Contact:

To apply, email a cover letter and resume to jobsatJFCS@jfcs-portland.org
Attention: Carrie Hoops, Executive Director