



## POSITION DESCRIPTION: Jewish Life and Learning Professional

Camp Solomon Schechter is seeking an energetic, resourceful, and knowledgeable individual to lead our Judaic programming, and help bring Jewish values, traditions, and activities to life. This is the perfect position for a creative person who is excited by the prospect of managing and crafting Jewish learning for a wide age range of Jewish children. This position calls for an adventurous attitude and the ability to lead camp staff and campers through Jewish traditions and activities. Schechter is located just outside Olympia, WA.

Founded in 1954, Schechter is an independent camp that offers an innovative Jewish experience for youth of all denominations. Our religious observances and practices are informed by Conservative Judaism. Our spectacular 180-acre wooded facility features a private lake, hiking trails, challenge course, climbing wall, sports fields, arts & crafts, and more. Camp enables young people to grow by giving them the tools to thrive in a supportive and engaging environment. Learn more at [www.campschechter.org](http://www.campschechter.org).

### Responsibilities

- Be an approachable and knowledgeable Jewish resource for staff and campers;
- Work with the Directors to implement the mission, vision, and values of CSS;
- Assists camp *mashgiach* in maintaining kashrut throughout camp;
- Create and facilitate transformative, experiential Jewish programming;
  - Work directly with programming team to ensure Jewish values, themes and Torah are infused into programs and activities
  - Create, coordinate and implement daily programming around Jewish holidays, text, history, rituals and prayers.
- Work with the Judaics team on leading and or facilitate Jewish-related services (daily conservative tefillah, alternative tefillah, Kabbalat Shabbat, torah service, brachot and other religious content);
- Inspire campers, odeds and staff to develop their Jewish identity;
- Be a *Dugma* (role model); and
- Help create a meaningful Shabbat experience and atmosphere
  - Check the Eruv with the facilities manager before Shabbat starts
- Coordinate and run the Bar/Bat Mitzvah training program
- Host weekly professional development sessions for odeds and staff
- Work with the Executive Director and Mar de'atrah on making religious decisions around observance, law and kashrut.
- Have a ton of fun and make sure everyone around you is, too!

### Qualifications

- A strong Jewish identity;
- Jewish programming and informal background;
- Strong Jewish knowledge around conservative Jewish practice, Shabbat, prayer and kashrut
- Has worked with or is excited to work with children;
- Is comfortable in front of a crowd;
- Ability to lead groups through lessons and services;
- Strong knowledge and understanding of Jewish texts and figures;
- Exceptional interpersonal skills and an ability to work collaboratively with all levels of staff;
- Ability to multitask and work under pressure and deadlines;





- The desire to have the most rewarding summer of their lives; and
- A rabbinic ordination (or pursuing ordination) or graduate work in Jewish education is a plus.

### **To Apply**

This is a summer-only position at camp in Tumwater, Washington, from June 20<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup>. Competitive compensation. Room and board provided. CSS is a kosher facility. Travel costs are negotiable as well. Please submit your resume and cover letter to Josh Niehaus at [jniehaus@campschechter.org](mailto:jniehaus@campschechter.org). Only those whose applications are being considered will be contacted.

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