



Camp Rodef Shalom

Camp Songleader & Shabbat Coordinator

Location: Temple Rodef Shalom Falls Church, VA

Reports to: Camp Director

Background

Camp Rodef Shalom is a 5-week Jewish day camp in the heart of Falls Church, Virginia with over 50 years of history. With campers ranging in age from 4 to 15 years old, we offer a wide variety of activities and trips throughout the summer. Camp Rodef Shalom values inclusion and supports both campers and staff.

Position Summary:

The Camp Songleader & Shabbat Coordinator plays a key role in creating a vibrant, engaging, and meaningful Jewish camp experience through music, prayer, and community programming. This position is responsible for coordinating and leading all aspects of camp Shabbat experiences, overseeing music programming, and helping infuse Jewish values and themes throughout camp life. The Songleader & Shabbat Coordinator works closely with the Camp Director, Leadership Team (LT), Clergy, and counselors to build a joyful and inclusive camp culture.

Essential Responsibilities:

Shabbat Programming

- Coordinate and lead all aspects of camp Shabbat services and programming.
- Collaborate with clergy to support and fulfill their needs for Shabbat services and special programming.
- Plan and facilitate engaging, age-appropriate Shabbat experiences for campers and staff.
- Lead and run the joint ECC and camp Friday morning Shabbat service.
- Help create meaningful opportunities for campers and staff to connect with Jewish traditions, values, and community.

Music & Songleading

- Lead music during daily morning meetings.
- Coordinate morning meetings in partnership with the Program Director.
- Perform and coordinate camp-wide song sessions and musical programming.
- Supervise the camp music specialty area.
- Mentor and support camp songleaders and music staff.
- Introduce and teach new music, camp traditions, and interactive musical experiences.

Collaboration & Camp Leadership

- Work collaboratively with the Camp Director and Leadership Team to support overall camp operations and culture.
- Assist with special events and camp-wide programs as needed.
- Serve as a positive role model for campers and staff by demonstrating enthusiasm, professionalism, inclusivity, and Jewish values.
- Help infuse Jewish themes, traditions, and values into camp programming through music and Shabbat experiences.

Qualifications:



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- Experience leading Jewish music, prayer, and/or song sessions in camp, synagogue, youth group, or educational settings
- Strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills
- Ability to engage children and staff through music, energy, and creativity
- Knowledge of Jewish traditions, prayers, songs and values
- Experience working with children in a camp or educational environment preferred, and an understanding of age-appropriate programming and lesson planning is required
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a leadership team
- First aid and CPR training is required (training will be provided by camp)
- Model compassion, empathy, and support. Exhibit daily flexibility in line with our informal, social, and highly-spirited camp culture, as it differs greatly from school culture
- Must be able to participate in physical activity for the duration of the camp day: be on feet for most of the day, be outside in heat and sun, participate in activities and field trips, swim with campers in pool, stay for late nights, etc.