

SIXTH & I SEEKS EDUCATOR/SENIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Sixth & I Historic Synagogue is looking for a creative, thoughtful, dynamic, motivated, and organized team-player to help manage our religious programming team. Ideal opportunity for a rabbi, senior Jewish educator, or other Jewish communal professional seeking to play a key role in the growth of an innovative Jewish organization.

What is Sixth & I?

When the doors of our historic building open, a diverse and pluralist community is invited inside to experience Jewish life on terms that resonate individually. Unexpected, timely, and impactful programs serve our purpose of connecting young professionals to arts and culture, to Judaism, and to each other.

History

Hours shy of being sold and turned into a nightclub, three Jewish Washingtonians had the incredible foresight to save our building, when in 2002 this historic synagogue was to become a nightclub. The founders' diverse backgrounds, spanning the Jewish denominational spectrum, became the foundation for Sixth & I's open, tolerant, and progressive attitude toward Jewish identity and engagement. Mindful of the transient character of the Washington area, also defined by one of the largest unaffiliated Jewish populations on the East Coast, the founders' vision centered on the demographic of young professionals in their twenties and thirties. Non-traditional approaches and multi-denominational options became the pillars of Sixth & I's religious arm. The flexibility of a non-committal model—free of membership dues—continues to encourage inclusion and accessibility across a multi-faceted community.

Our Jewish programming contains both low- and mid-level workshops and classes, including the always-sold-out Interfaith Couples Workshop; Coupling: A workshop for Jewish couples creating Jewish homes; Intro to Judaism for Interfaith Couples; Café Night: A Weekly Chevruta Learning Program; Basic Hebrew; the Jewish Welcome Workshop (a 30-week Intro to Judaism/conversion course); Adult B'nai Mitzvah class (30 weeks); and numerous other classes and text study sessions. Our Shabbat services vary but include an Orthodox-style service, a Conservative-style service, and a Reform-camp-style service. We host between 100-200 young professionals at each service.

The restoration of this historic building not only returned the Star of David to the stained glass windows of the sanctuary, but enlivened a community, filled a void, and introduced a unique model that has served as a catalyst for modern discourse on an ancient religion.

Who are we looking for?

You will have a(n):

- **Deep love of Judaism** and desire to make Judaism and Jewish community **meaningful**.
- Understanding of the **21st century/millennial** Jewish experience.
- Ability to **welcome, build deep relationships with, support and even grow to love** the full range of the young professional Jewish community.
- **Deep knowledge of ancient and modern Jewish tradition**.
- **A creative spirit**.

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- **Love of teaching** and learning.
- Experience with **strategic community-organizing**.
- **Wide range of service (tefila)-leading skills**.
- **Demonstrated ability to think and act strategically** in order to reach clear goals.
- **Sense of humor**. For your own sake, if not for ours.
- **Rabbinic degree**, although we will consider those without, as well.

When will you be working (and what will you be doing?)

1. Shabbat and Holidays –
 - a. Coordinate High Holy Days
 - b. Lead team for other Jewish holidays
 - c. Create and help implement vision for Shabbat and holiday programming
2. Educational Programming/Adult Education
 - a. Teach one to two nights per week (current and future classes)
 - b. Create and help implement vision for education programming
3. Administrative Duties and External Relations
 - a. Liaison to Jewish partner organizations for partnership and collaboration
 - b. Coordinate/facilitate focus groups, surveys, evaluation of Jewish programming
 - c. Administrative
 - d. General Office Work