

## Teen Engagement Coordinator

### JOB DESCRIPTION

JEWISHcolorado strengthens and connects the Jewish community in Colorado, Israel, and around the globe by creating diverse pathways to engage in Judaism. During these unprecedented times, JEWISHcolorado is at the forefront of mobilizing, sustaining, and educating our Jewish community while continuing to honor our past and plan for our future.

**Position Summary:** The Teen Engagement Coordinator will work on two of JEWISHcolorado's teen programs, Jewish Student Connection (JSC) and Joyce Zeff Israel Study Tour (IST). JSC focuses on impacting teens and ensuring they make meaningful personal connections with Jewish culture, Jewish people, Israel, and each other in a public-school environment. In this role, you will serve as a charismatic and strategic thought leader to engage and mentor Jewish and non-Jewish teens in Jewish cultural clubs at Denver and Boulder metro-area public high schools. IST is the Colorado community teen trip taking, on average, seventy incoming seniors on a four-week trip to Poland and Israel each summer. In this role you will support recruitment, pre-trip programming and staff the trip over the summer.

**About Jewish Student Connection:** Jewish Student Connection uses a public-school based club model as a catalyst for educating, engaging, and helping Jewish and non-Jewish teens feel a sense of belonging by providing experiential student-led programming and mentorship opportunities. JSC promotes Jewish programming and relationship building for over six hundred teens in twelve public high schools. Teens today are stretched thin and pulled in many directions. JSC meets teens where they are with a low barrier to entry model. JSC creates an inclusive, welcoming environment for Jewish and non-Jewish teens to gather weekly, providing social connections, mentorship, and opportunities to engage in meaningful Jewish experiences while eating pizza or bagels. These experiences support Jewish and non-Jewish teens during a critical period of their identity development. In addition, JSC is positioned to help students, teachers, and administrators combat antisemitism at public high schools in Colorado.

**About Joyce Zeff Israel Study Tour:** For over fifty years, IST has helped Jewish Coloradans broaden their knowledge about Israel, its neighbors, and Jewish heritage and history. IST combines extraordinary adventure, exceptional leaders with years of experience, and a commitment to education and Jewish values. IST is open to all incoming high school seniors who live or are connected to the Colorado Jewish community. Every month prior to departure participants gather to learn about Israel, themselves, and start their Israel journey with their peers.

#### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Mentor JSC student club leaders to help them guide, plan, and implement teen-led programs
- Attend and lead all in-person or virtual programs for daily JSC clubs and monthly IST pre-trip programs
- Organize weekly club materials and food in coordination with other JSC staff and student leaders that inspire Jewish pride, identity, and values

- Implement JSC mentorship program, building and maintaining relationships with leaders and students through weekly one-on-one meetings
- Work closely with four shinshinim (Israeli teen emissaries), who attend every club and IST program
- Manage CampMinder database information and RootOne grant logistics for IST
- Manage JSC data tracking, surveys, and communication systems
- Recruit and market IST program to high school juniors
- Manage JSC and IST social media accounts
- Travel to Poland and Israel for 4-5 weeks each year

#### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree
- Experience working and connecting with high school teens (preferably Jewish teens)
- Strong Jewish and Israel experiential education background

#### **Other Requirements**

- Demonstrates the JEWISHcolorado core values:
  - Effective collaboration
  - Open and respectful communication
  - Reliability and accountability
  - Critical thinking, innovation, and creativity
  - Being a good ambassador for the organization
- A self-starter and charismatic personality with the ability to work independently and in a team
- A strong work ethic and the ability to take calculated risks and learn from successes and failures
- Passionate about working with high school students and nurturing the next generation of Jewish leaders
- Ability to organize and manage multiple clubs, schedules, and projects simultaneously
- Daily use of personal car to travel to high school programs (mileage reimbursed)
- Experience working with Microsoft 365, Instagram, and CampMinder
- Experience traveling to Israel

**Position Type:** 37.5-hour per week, exempt, in-person. This position requires regular weekday work hours as well as some night and weekend programming, community-partnered programming, and active participation in programs that occur outside of a traditional work schedule.

**Salary:** \$55,000 per year. Benefits include vacation, sick leave, FSA, HSA, HRA, health, vision, dental, disability, life insurance, gym membership, 401(k) match.

**To Apply:** Please forward a resume and cover letter to [JFeiger@JEWISHcolorado.org](mailto:JFeiger@JEWISHcolorado.org).