



JOB DESCRIPTION

About the Jewish Educator Position:

The Jewish Educator (JE) will work in partnership with Hillel Montreal staff to build connections with Jewish students through meaningful, relevant Jewish conversations and experiences and to help set a strategic Jewish engagement vision for Hillel Montreal. The JE will also be a senior professional with the Bronfman Israel Experience Centre (BIEC).

The JE will focus on building relationships with students not currently connected to Jewish life on campus. Using the methodologies of community organizing and relationship-building, and bringing a deep reservoir of Jewish knowledge and an authentic commitment to Jewish life, he/she will work with individuals and groups of students, teaching, inspiring and connecting the students to appropriate and meaningful Jewish experiences.

The JE will help students as they conceptualize and answer their own “big questions,” guiding them as they explore what it means, on an individual level, to lead a life of meaning, infused with Jewish values. There will be two key responsibilities of the JE. First and primarily, to build relationships with students, by engaging them in meaningful conversations and offering them a variety of Jewish experiences. This will include meeting students in one-on-one meetings, teaching in small groups. Second, the JE will function as a key programmer and educational resource to engage students around holiday and Shabbat observances, helping to deepen the impact of key Jewish holidays.

The ideal candidate will embody four elements:

1. *An authentic Jewish personality* - the JE will be a model of how to live an integrated Jewish life, and will, just by the force of his/her own Jewish personality and story, be an inspiration to Jewish students on a variety of levels.
2. *An informal Jewish educator* - the JE will be experienced with the theory and practice of informal education and able to model and teach others how to create and facilitate opportunities for meaningful Jewish experiences.
3. *A knowledgeable Jew* - the Jewish Educator will be highly educated in areas of Jewish content. These could range from traditional Jewish texts and Tradition to Zionism, contemporary Jewish culture and Jewish social and political activism.
4. *A strategic community organizer* - the JE will think strategically about how to reach and impact students not involved in the traditional networks, and will utilize methodologies of community organizing in order to manage and strategize for success on campus.

Specific responsibilities include:

Engagement:

- Identify Jewishly-uninvolved student populations and develop strategies for connecting with and serving them.
- Develop and nurture relationships with university personnel and throughout the campuses to explore collaborative programming.
- Build meaningful personal relationships with students who are not already involved in Jewish life by meeting them where they live, work, and study, utilizing creative and innovative methods to reach and interest them.
- Develop and track meaningful relationships with students on campus
- Collaborate with other staff to help shape and develop the mission of Hillel Montreal.



Program:

- Focus on bringing the Jewish element to the March of the Living, Birthright Israel and other BIEC Israel programs
- Work with the Jewish Camp Council and its members to help infuse Jewish life in campers and staff
- Empower and assist newly engaged students in the creation and implementation of programs and initiatives
- Acting as a resource to the program team and student leaders as they ensure that the full cycle of holidays and observances are celebrated appropriately on campus.
- Focus on the development of the Keshet and Koach Havurah
- Staff Friday night Shabbat experiences when school is in session as well as High Holiday services and Passover seders.
- Organize and coordinate the following:
 - Jewish LD for Council and HLI program
 - Coordinate Bar & Bat mitzvah program
 - Connect with chaplaincy on the various campuses
 - Coordinate Hebrew classes
 - Coordinate Lunch and Learns
 - Interfaith programming
 - Connection with other Jewish groups on or around campus
 - JEM workshop holiday program

Administration and Supervision:

- Participate in professional supervision with Executive Director of Hillel Montreal and weekly staff meetings at both Hillel and BIEC
- Supervise, mentor, and assist student leadership and student interns, as appropriate.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate should have:

- A contagious passion for Jewish life
- A natural ability to network and build relationships with a wide variety of people
- A creative spirit that can develop a pluralistic student community
- An understanding and appreciation for Ashkenazi and Sephardic Traditions
- The ability to work in both French and English would be an asset
- Rabbinic and/or Graduate level degree preferred

Additionally, the candidate should have outstanding interpersonal and program skills, strong organizational skills, creativity, the ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment, and ability to take initiative. The ideal candidate will have a desire to grow as a professional, flexibility, and a dedication to excellence. This person must be capable of working both independently and as part of a team; having the ability to prioritize and handle multiple assignments.

TO APPLY: Please send your resume and cover letter to jeff@hillel.ca