



Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Director of Synagogue and Education Partnerships

DEPARTMENT: Impact

REPORTS TO: Vice President of Jewish Education

CLASSIFICATION: Full-time, exempt

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

At the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta (Federation), we are building a stronger, more connected Jewish future. This future is powered by philanthropy and built on a solid foundation of engaging programming supported locally across Atlanta and in Israel. A thriving and connected 21st Century Jewish Atlanta ensures that every Jew and their loved ones can access a warm and caring Jewish community, timeless Jewish wisdom, global Jewish peoplehood, and Jewish ways to do good in the world. This vision depends on a strategic and accessible philanthropic landscape that empowers every individual to give in a way that is meaningful to them.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Director of Synagogue and Education Partnerships leads Federation's relationships with synagogues throughout greater Atlanta. The Director understands congregational needs, connects synagogue leaders with community resources and partners, and develops opportunities for collaboration while respecting each congregation's independence.

The role leads Federation's supplementary Jewish education work, partners with the existing synagogue executive directors' network, convenes supplementary education directors, and manages Federation investments in synagogue engagement. It also strengthens adult Jewish learning across community providers and serves as Federation's primary relationship manager for Holocaust education providers. Working within the Jewish Education pillar, the Director shapes strategy and investment across these related fields and coordinates with the Engagement team when synagogue partnerships connect to JGather or other engagement initiatives.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Synagogue Relationships and Partnerships

- Build and maintain trusted relationships with synagogue executive directors, education directors, clergy, engagement professionals, and lay leaders across greater Atlanta.
- Serve as a primary Federation contact for synagogues and develop a working understanding of each congregation's priorities, strengths, challenges, and community context.
- Connect synagogue leaders with relevant Federation initiatives, community organizations, consultants, funding opportunities, and other resources across Jewish Atlanta.



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- Identify opportunities for synagogues to collaborate with one another and with other Jewish organizations while respecting differences in denomination, size, geography, capacity, and community served.
- Bring synagogue perspectives into Federation planning and help Federation departments engage congregations more intentionally and effectively.
- Remain knowledgeable about trends affecting synagogues, congregational engagement, membership, leadership, staffing, and Jewish communal life.

Professional Partnerships and Education Director Network

- Partner with the existing, self-directed synagogue executive directors' network to understand shared needs, identify opportunities for collaboration, and connect its members with Federation resources. Support its priorities as useful without assuming responsibility for running its meetings or setting its agenda.
- Convene and facilitate the Education Directors Council as a community of practice for leaders of supplementary Jewish education programs.
- Shape learning opportunities for supplementary education directors in response to priorities identified by participating professionals.
- Connect leaders with local and national experts, consultants, and partner organizations when their expertise can address shared needs.
- Identify opportunities for coordination across synagogues and with other Jewish organizations while respecting each institution's independence.

Supplementary Jewish Education

- Identify the needs and opportunities facing supplementary Jewish education programs, educators, students, and families.
- Design, organize, and manage professional development for education directors, teachers, and madrichim.
- Connect local educators with curricula, teaching tools, expert consultants, webinars, and local and national professional-learning opportunities.
- Support strategies that strengthen teacher recruitment, retention, professional satisfaction, and instructional excellence.
- Encourage collaboration and the sharing of effective practices among synagogue-based and independent supplementary education providers.
- Explore partnerships and innovative approaches that improve the quality, reach, and sustainability of supplementary Jewish education.
- Serve as a consultant and resource to supplementary education leaders as they assess needs, develop strategies, and implement new approaches.
- Gather information about enrollment, educator retention, family experience, barriers to participation, and the effectiveness of professional-development initiatives.



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- Remain current on research, effective practices, and emerging models in supplementary Jewish education.

Adult Jewish Learning

- Build relationships with adult Jewish education providers, including synagogue-based, independent, and community-wide programs, and understand their offerings, audiences, needs, and gaps.
- Convene adult learning providers when shared planning, peer learning, or collaboration would strengthen the quality, accessibility, and reach of adult Jewish learning in Greater Atlanta.
- Connect providers with one another and with relevant educators, institutions, curricula, and other resources; help community members and Federation colleagues understand available learning opportunities.
- Explore and manage appropriate Federation funding opportunities or partnerships that address gaps in adult learning, in coordination with established grantmaking and budget processes.
- Gather information on participation, unmet needs, and program results to inform future Federation support.

Holocaust Education Partnerships

- Serve as Federation's primary relationship manager for local Holocaust education providers and institutions, developing a clear understanding of their work, needs, and opportunities for collaboration.
- Bring providers together when coordination can improve access to Holocaust education, reduce duplication, or address unmet needs among learners and educators.
- Connect providers with schools, synagogues, adult learning organizations, experts, and relevant Federation colleagues, including those working to combat antisemitism.
- Identify potential funding or partnership opportunities for Holocaust education and share recommendations through Federation's established planning and grantmaking processes.

Strategy Evaluation and Organizational Collaboration

- Establish annual priorities, goals, and measures of success for synagogue partnerships, supplementary education, adult Jewish learning, and Holocaust education partnerships in collaboration with the VP of Jewish Education.
- Gather information through surveys, focus groups, program evaluations, grant reporting, and ongoing conversations with synagogue professionals and lay leaders.
- Use findings to identify shared needs, emerging opportunities, and areas in which Federation can add value through funding, convening, partnership development, or access to expertise.



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- Manage assigned education and synagogue partnership grants, contracts, program budgets, and partner reporting in coordination with the VP of Jewish Education and established allocation processes.
- Work with Federation's Philanthropy team to support donor cultivation and stewardship related to synagogue engagement and Jewish education.
- Collaborate with Federation colleagues to connect synagogues with engagement, education, security, caring, Israel, and other community resources.
- Coordinate with the Director of Community Engagement on referrals and joint opportunities between synagogues and JGather while each role retains responsibility for its own programs and grants.
- Work with marketing and communications staff to promote opportunities and communicate the reach, learning, and impact of Federation's synagogue partnerships.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Advanced degree in Jewish education, Jewish studies, nonprofit management, organizational leadership, rabbinic studies, or a related field; comparable experience in Jewish communal service may substitute for an advanced degree.
- Demonstrated experience setting strategy across multiple Jewish education and institutional partnership portfolios, guiding investments, and influencing independent partners.
- At least eight years of relevant experience in synagogue life, Jewish education, community engagement, grantmaking, or Jewish communal service, including substantial leadership responsibility.
- Knowledge of synagogue structures, congregational dynamics, and the opportunities and challenges facing congregations of different sizes, denominations, and community contexts.
- Knowledge of supplementary Jewish education and the needs of education directors, teachers, madrichim, students, and families.
- Familiarity with adult Jewish learning and Holocaust education providers, and an ability to steward partnerships across both fields.
- Demonstrated ability to build trusted relationships and work effectively with clergy, professional staff, educators, lay leaders, and volunteers.
- Strong facilitation and group-process skills, including experience convening professional networks or communities of practice.
- Ability to build consensus, manage collaborative initiatives, and move partners toward shared goals while respecting institutional independence.
- Strong project, grant, budget, and relationship-management skills, with consistent follow-through and attention to detail.
- Ability to gather and synthesize information, evaluate effectiveness, and translate learning into practical recommendations.



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- Strong written and verbal communication skills and the ability to manage multiple priorities in a changing environment.
- Familiarity with the Atlanta Jewish community preferred.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Position requires intermittent standing, walking, and prolonged periods of time sitting at a desk/table. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds.

COMPENSATION:

The salary range for this position is \$82,000 - \$93,000 plus a comprehensive benefits package. Anticipated salary near midpoint; commensurate with experience.

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