



United Jewish Federation
OF TIDEWATER



Position Title: Director of Jewish Innovation
Reports to: CRC/Programs Director
Classification : Full Time, Exempt

About the UJFT/Simon Family JCC

The United Jewish Federation of Tidewater (UJFT) provides critical funding to Jewish agencies, institutions, and programs locally and around the world through our Annual Campaign. With the support of donors and volunteers, the Federation builds and fosters a vibrant and engaging Jewish community. Through its beneficiary agencies, the Federation provides support for Jews in need wherever that need may be, Jewish education for children, teens, and adults, care for Jewish elderly and those with special needs, and support for Israel.

The Simon Family JCC is dedicated to inclusivity in the community by providing facilities and programs that are open to all. The standards for excellence through cultural, social, recreational, health and educational programs remain rooted in Jewish values. It stands as a common meeting ground promoting enrichment and unity for the Jewish and general community.

For more information

The Reba and Sam Sandler Family Campus is a multi-generational Jewish neighborhood where all are welcome and which fosters new personal and community connections through rich and rewarding experiences. The Reba and Sam Sandler Family Campus provides a common ground for Jewish institutions, local groups, organizations and individuals to work, learn and play together for the betterment of the whole community. For more information, visit federation.jewishva.org.

Overview of the Role

The Director of Jewish Innovation will work together with all departments and employees to infuse Judaism into what we do at the Reba and Sam Sandler Family Campus on a daily basis. He/she will bring a spirit of creativity to how we experience Judaism on campus and in our community by creating a culture of innovation and forward thinking through events, experiences and study. This individual will be a highly motivated, adaptable and passionate person, who can leverage ideas from any source, determine their viability in conjunction with the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and Simon Family JCC's missions, and develop concepts that can be moved to implementation.

Primary Responsibilities

- Responsible for Jewish education for the UJFT/JCC through coordination of programming and educational offerings both on the Reba and Sam Sandler Family Campus and, in partnership with other Jewish education professionals, in the Jewish community.
- Oversees Youth and Teen Experiences
- Accountable for infusing Judaism into youth and teen experiences, including but not limited to, camps, family programming, and PJ library

- Create and collaborate as appropriate, to provide exciting, innovative UJFT/JCC-wide programming around major Jewish holidays including Shabbat, Hanukkah, Purim, Shavuot, Sukkot and the High Holidays
- Work with other departments as a quarterback, helping staff and lay leaders decide content and in determining partners for events both on and off campus
- Offer programming around unique, Jewish life-cycle events, including programs that can meet people where they are Jewishly and take them to the next step in their Jewish journey
- Take advantage of the unique economy, energy and ingenuity of the Tidewater region by aligning and learning from area leaders, gurus and innovators and by reaching into the business community to incubate new ideas and ventures into Jewish living
- Create an environment where imagination becomes reality and Jews are excited about the possibility of having relevant, meaningful and fun Jewish experiences
- Offer Jewish educational opportunities for board and staff
- Collaborate with other UJFT/JCC professional staff to offer educational and cultural missions to Israel, and eventually, other Jewish trips around the world
- Collaborate with other UJFT/JCC professional staff to on successful programs to engage unaffiliated Jews in our community.
- Other related duties as required or directed

Qualifications and Skills:

- Bachelor's Degree in related field, Master's Degree preferred
- Rabbinic ordination or advanced degree in Jewish Education a plus
- Strong working knowledge of Jewish values and traditions
- 5+ years' experience developing innovative programming including implementation and growth
- Demonstrated success as a Jewish educator for different demographics
- Record of success in developing and securing funding sources to support program opportunities
- Excellent communicator with ability to communicate effectively with staff, lay leaders and program participants
- Positive and upbeat, strong conflict resolution and problem solving skills
- Out of the box, creative thinker
- Self-starter with comfort taking initiative
- Good understanding of the goals and objectives for Jewish arts and cultural programs, outreach, and engagement
- Demonstrated ability to work comfortably with all sections of the Jewish community
- Ability to work some weekend and evening hours and holiday-appropriate responsibilities on Jewish holidays
- Ability to lead singing and/or provide musical accompaniment for Jewish programming a plus

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To Apply For This Position

Submit cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: resumes@ujft.org

Review of application will begin immediately, and continue until the position is filled.