



Position: Songleader / Jewish Culture Specialist
Organization: JCC Maccabi Sports Camp
Location: Menlo College in Atherton, CA
Term: June 5 – July 30, 2018
Seasonal, Temporary Position

JCC Maccabi Sports Camp seeks a Songleader / Jewish Culture Specialist to help create a fun and meaningful musical environment at camp. The Songleader is an integral part of our camp staff team and will work to infuse music and Jewish culture into our camp community. We believe that music is a powerful tool for connecting people and an essential element of camp; the Songleader plays a crucial role in this, creating a culture of music, leading and teaching songs, and contributing to the positive experience of campers and staff members. The Songleader must have the ability and presence to lead songs for different age groups and different sized audiences and should be an energetic and charismatic leader and musician.

The Songleader is expected to participate in the majority of camp programs and bring enthusiasm for music and Jewish education. They will lead songs each day at Morning and Evening Huddles, periodic song sessions, lead and perform Shabbat services and Havdallah, lead musical campfires, and provide support at other camp programs as needed. Playing guitar and being comfortable as the spiritual leader is essential to success in this position.

Camp is a collaborative, supportive, and fun work environment, and being part of our camp staff team means working as a team with counselors, coaches, and leadership staff. The Songleader does not have to be experienced in coaching or playing sports, but should have a desire to participate in all camp programs.

While we are a camp that specializes in sports, we aim to provide our campers with a well-rounded camp experience that includes more than just sports – our campers develop friendships, build community, and connect to Judaism in a fun and supportive environment. In addition to sports, our campers participate in evening activities, Shabbat, electives, cabin time, campfires, and more. For additional information about JCC Maccabi Sports Camp, please visit our website at www.maccabisportscamp.org.

Responsibilities

- Plan and lead long sessions for different age groups and different sized audiences
- Lead enjoyable and spiritual camp Shabbat services
- Creatively integrate music into existing camp traditions such as Morning Huddle, Maccabi Cup, electives, and campfires
- Lead all musical aspects of campfires, evening activities and other musical moments at camp as needed
- Act as a resource to counselors and coaches to integrate music into their individual programs, trainings and experiences
- Contribute to overall positive morale of the camp community
- Participate in pre-camp staff training and ongoing staff development programs
- Adhere to mission and values of JCC Maccabi Sports Camp and act as a role model

Qualifications

- Ability to lead songs during Shabbat, Havdallah, campfires, and other special camp events
- Strong background and experience in music, music education, Jewish education, camping and/or related fields
- Experience working with youth ages 8-16 and young adults
- Musical ability to self-teach new material and willingness to add new songs to repertoire
- Familiarity with Shabbat prayers for the purpose of assisting with Shabbat services
- Working knowledge of Hebrew for purpose of leading and teaching songs (Hebrew speaking fluency not required)
- Leadership skills, ability to motivate and manage groups
- Ability to support and teach core Jewish values of the camp and live by Jewish concepts and values of the camp community
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience and strong work ethic and ability to work independently and as part of a team

This is a temporary, seasonal position. The Songleader is expected to live on camp for the duration of the summer program (June 5th through July 30th). Accommodations include a private room, shared bathroom and 3-meals a day.

Salary is competitive, dependent on experience, and may include independent pre-camp work.

About JCC Maccabi Sports Camp

JCC Maccabi Sports Camp is an overnight specialty camp with programs in basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, volleyball, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, dance, flag football and tennis for athletes entering grades 3-11. Our 2-week sessions combine high-level specialized sports instruction with the fun, friendship, and community of a traditional overnight camp.

Camp is located on the beautiful campus of Menlo College, a private undergraduate school in Atherton, CA, approximately 30 miles south of San Francisco.

For more information, visit our website at: www.maccabisportscamp.org.

To Apply

Complete the online application, which can be found on our website:

<http://www.maccabisportscamp.org/work-at-camp>

Contact Brent Osborne, Program Director, at brent@maccabisportscamp.org or (415) 997-8844 with any questions.