



Position: Director of Jewish Life
Organization: JCC Maccabi Sports Camp
Location: Menlo College in Atherton, CA
Term: June 5 – July 29, 2019
Seasonal, Temporary Position

Primary Responsibilities:

At camp, “Jewish” isn’t just a concept we wave to in the outfield, it’s a way of life to be explored and celebrated. Woven throughout camp, Jewish values, ritual, and culture remain at the center of our lineup and resonate with all campers of any age or background. JCC Maccabi Sports Camp seeks a Director of Jewish Life to help create a fun, meaningful, and musical Jewish environment at camp.

Services:

Friday Night. Planning and leading our Friday night Shabbat services. Work with staff and campers to create a meaningful and musical celebration of Shabbat. Friday night services are typically 45 minutes.

Saturday Morning. Planning and leading our Saturday morning Shabbat services. Work with staff and campers to create a meaningful and musical celebration of Shabbat. Saturday morning services include a brief Torah service and are typically 1 hour.

Havdalah. Leading camp in song and prayer to end Shabbat and begin a new week. This involves our (developing) camp traditions as well as a traditional Havdalah service.

Song Leading:

Song Session. Leading camp wide song session after meals. Typical song session is 3-4 songs. We aim for a mixture of appropriate Jewish music and contemporary/camp favorites. Camp hits include: Salaam and Sweet Caroline.

Camp Fire. We have several campfires throughout each session, including a camp wide bonfire on Friday nights. This song session is typically 30 – 60 minutes and is a highlight of the week for our community.

Morning and closing huddle. We start each day by singing together and we end each night by singing our camp song, Fly, as a community.



Jewish Education:

The Director of Jewish Life is responsible for generating and supporting the integration of the daily camp value (*kavanah*) into regular programming. The daily *kavanah* is a chance to demonstrate how we live our core values at camp and sets the tone for type of day we want to have. The Director of Jewish Life is also tasked with finding opportunities to integrate Jewish themes and teachings into daily life. This includes working with counselors, coaches, and campers, to help create a better understanding of Jewish values.

Qualifications:

- Ability to lead camp-wide Shabbat and Havdalah services, campfires, and other special camp events
- Strong background and experience in music and Jewish education
- Experience working with youth ages 8-16 and young adults
- 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 Song leader is expected to live on camp for the duration of the summer program (June 5st through July 29th). 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, volleyball, running & fitness, 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 Eytan Graubart, Associate Director, at eytan@maccabisportscamp.org or (415) 997-8844 with any questions.