



HUC-JIR Year-In-Israel (YII) Coordinator of Communal Life (Maternity Leave – Position)

Hebrew Union College – Jewish institute of Religion, the seminary of the Reform Movement, requires its first year rabbinical and cantorial students to spend their first year in Jerusalem before continuing their studies in the US in a program called Year-In-Israel (YII).

The YII is seeking a dynamic individual to serve as its Coordinator of Communal Life from June through December 2022. 1 at HUC Taube Family Campus in Jerusalem. This is a full-time interim position. Base salary (before taxes) is approximately 10000 NIS per month.

The coordinator of communal life is a key member of the administrative team, working alongside the YII director, the program administrator, the cantorial program coordinator, and the student interns. The ideal candidate for this position should have:

- a strong background in Jewish programming,
- demonstrated experience working with American students studying in Israel especially in areas related to helping them navigate life in Israel,
- a demonstrated commitment to thinking creatively about the development of pluralistic and inclusive Jewish life.

The ideal candidate will be a spirited and welcoming Jewish community builder, an empathetic and caring listener, and be highly professional regarding personal and confidential student information.

Educational Programming

The coordinator of communal life is responsible for implementing the vision for experiential education in YII. They will:

- collaborate with the YII director on creating an innovative vision for Jewish life

(time) programming and bringing it into fruition including:

- shabbat and holiday programming (and being present for them)

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- experiential programming that connects students to Reform communities in Israel and other campus programs,
- coordination of special guests,
- create a culture of co-creation with students on co-curricular programming and guiding this into implementation,
- oversee logistical support for all curriculum related trips and seminars and partner with faculty on insuring that programming is inclusive and state of the art, and be present on those overnight trips,

Student Support

The Jerusalem-based coordinator of communal life is an on-the-ground- support to the work of the stateside Director of Student Support who is the first address for student health and learning support When initiated by the student during the year in Israel, the coordinator of communal life is available to:

- be a listening ear for students needing some emotional and spiritual support,
- help students to navigate the health care system,
- provide information for mental health services in consultation with the stateside director of student support,
- assist students in finding learning support (testing, tutoring) as directed by the stateside director of student support,
- be on call (with other members of the Jerusalem administrative team) for emergency situations,
- set up and oversee program for faculty advisors,
- serve as a source of support and advice for students arriving with partners and families.

Requirements

Candidates:

- must have fluency in English and Hebrew, being able to conduct communication in both languages at the highest professional level
- should be adept with social media and Microsoft applications
- have at least 5 years work experience
- lived in Israel for at least 5 years
- have at least a BA degree (in Jewish studies or education), preferably a MA.

Interested candidates should send a CV and short cover letter to Rabbi Reuven Greenvald, YII Director at rgreenvald@huc.edu.

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