

## Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun

### Religious School Faculty

*BTBJ seeks to create a warm, embracing and nurturing Jewish community where learners can experience the richness, joy and wonder of Judaism. We promote Jewish identity, spirituality and community connectedness through dynamic, active, experiential, engaging and authentic educational experiences, and family learning programs that draw upon resources both traditional and new. Jewish learning is a partnership between the synagogue and the home and a shared responsibility among learners, teachers, leaders and the congregational community.*

BTBJ is seeking experienced, organized and engaging educators to serve as faculty members in our religious school. BTBJ's religious school has an enrollment of 130 students and meets during the following days and times, depending on the grade:

- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Sundays, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade: Sundays, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM and Tuesdays, 4:15-6:15 PM
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM and Saturdays, 9 AM-12 PM
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM and once/month on Sundays

We are seeking educators who are creative, able to get students excited about Jewish life and tradition, comfortable with project-based learning and who are eager to partner in creating a warm, welcoming and engaging learning environment for BTBJ religious school students and families. BTBJ Faculty report to Rabbi Roni Handler, Director of Congregational Learning. We are currently seeking faculty for the following positions:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Sundays and Tuesdays)
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade (Sundays and Tuesdays)
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Wednesdays and once/month on Sundays)
- Junior Congregation leader (some Shabbat mornings)
- Song leader on Sundays K-5<sup>th</sup> grade (1-2 times per month)
- Youth Director (~6 programs per year)
- High Holiday positions for a variety of age groups
- B'nai Mitzvah tutors

Individuals in these roles will:

- Have basic Hebrew knowledge and be able to teach letters, decoding, and Hebrew prayers (both reading and meaning/connection).
- Have a working knowledge and interest in Judaism, Jewish texts and Jewish traditions.
- Be expected to create lessons and activities that engage students in Jewish life and an exploration of their Jewish identity.
- Be able to create lessons that are both deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and also relevant to their contemporary lives.
- Be organized and communicate effectively and regularly with parents and Director of Congregational Learning.
- Be comfortable working in a Conservative synagogue.

Job responsibilities include:

- Develop curriculum in consultation with DCL.
- Develop and turn in lesson plans to DCL in advance of each class session.

- Participate in monthly faculty meetings and any offered professional development
- Participate in the planning and implementation of all-school activities (i.e. maccabiah and holiday celebrations)
- Attend class specific Shabbat services (dates are shared at the start of the year)
- Write and distribute progress reports twice yearly.

**Who We Are:**

Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun, known as BTBJ, is a modern, egalitarian full-service Conservative synagogue located in the Northwestern suburbs of Philadelphia. Serving more than 300 families from Lafayette Hill, Plymouth Meeting, Springfield, Ambler, Upper Dublin and surrounding communities. BTBJ is a vibrant, warm congregation that provides an endless array of religious, educational and social activities. BTBJ is affiliated with the USCJ. We are located in Erdenheim, PA.

Please send inquiries or resume and cover letter to Rabbi Roni Handler, Director of Congregational Learning, [rhandler@btbj.org](mailto:rhandler@btbj.org).