



National Director, Teen Education and Engagement

The Jewish Education Project
New York, NY

Opportunity for Impact

The Jewish Education Project is devoted to ensuring that Jewish education is in tune with the forces that impact our world and our communities in a changing environment. We believe that in a rapidly changing world, Jewish education must continually evolve to meet the needs of the Jewish community. The power of harnessing knowledge and curating ideas to inspire the various stakeholders who influence Jewish education is a vital component of this work.

Today's Jewish teens are distinctly different from those of previous generations. For the past decade, The Jewish Education Project has researched teens (see [Generation Now](#) and [GenZ Now](#)) and has led the field in transforming teen education and engagement to speak to this generation.

We are committed to bringing the most creative solutions to a field that must remain relevant and meaningful in the lives of Jewish youth and their families today and tomorrow. For more information about The Jewish Education Project, please visit www.jewishedproject.org

Position Overview

The Jewish Education Project welcomes a full-time **Director** as an integral member of the program team, leading our work advancing Teen Education and Engagement. The successful candidate will help define the future of teen education and engagement, guiding a vision, and serving as a national voice, for this critical work. S/he/they will develop strategy, write and speak in national forums, create change initiatives, and foster partnerships with critical organizations and people in the field of Teen Education and Engagement.

The Director's work will focus on national youth serving organizations as well as local (New York) teen partners. Reporting to the Managing Director of New Models, the candidate will also collaborate with the RootOne Education team to shape The Jewish Education Project's holistic approach to teen work.

Key Responsibilities

- Bring excellence, innovation, and vision to The Jewish Education Project's teen educational efforts.
- Serve as a public-facing spokesperson for the field of teen education and engagement; be a thought leader, broadcasting teen education ideas through Op-Eds, articles and public speaking opportunities.
- Craft and lead a national strategy for The Jewish Education Project to enhance the learning and expertise of professionals and other stakeholders working with the teen population.
- Establish and nurture relationships with national youth serving organizations.
- Build intentional communities of practice and learning among teen professionals in both local and national roles.
- Partner with the Director of Research and Evaluation to leverage and respond to evaluative data available through RootOne to further the understanding of teens.
- Develop, lead, and manage professional development experiences and initiatives.
- Ensure that The Jewish Educator Portal resources are timely and relevant to the teen education field.
- Cultivate and develop relationships with educational professionals working in a broad range of settings, including youth serving organizations, synagogues, JCCs and camps and more.
- Build community, provide support, and drive professional learning for educator/ leadership networks.
- Work collaboratively with our team to develop resources and innovative strategies, document our work, collect data, and participate in strategic planning and visioning.
- Teach/Lead content-rich sessions on behalf of The Jewish Education Project at national and regional conferences.
- Contribute to The Jewish Education Project social media platforms.
- Lead or collaborate on other educational initiatives/programs as needed.

Experience, Qualifications, and Competencies

- Candidates with diverse cultural, racial, educational, and experiential backgrounds are urged to apply.
- 10+ years of experience in teen or experiential education; knowledge of the national teen landscape.
- Deep knowledge of, and significant experience with, teen education and engagement.
- Extremely strong interpersonal skills and the ability to develop strong relationships with a wide variety of people.
- A creative disposition motivated by experimentation and therefore comfortable with succeeding, failing, and pivoting; experience leading innovation a plus.
- Deep knowledge of, and successful experiences working within, the diverse and pluralistic Jewish landscape.
- Ordination or Master's Degree in Jewish Education, Social Work, Political Science, Jewish Communal Service, or related degree preferred.
- Ability to lead and partner with integrity and inspiration; flexibility and openness to working with professional and volunteer community leaders.
- Capable of teaching others to expand the circle of skill; creativity and ability to push and inspire others to think beyond the traditional educational landscape to use new concepts and strategies.
- Self-directed problem-solver able to plan and prioritize.
- A persuasive and passionate communicator, both written and oral.

What We Offer

- Competitive salary in the range of \$120,000-150,000 depending on experience.
- Three weeks paid time off in year 1; increasing incrementally on a set schedule
- Comprehensive health insurance
- 401k plan
- Paid family leave
- Commuter benefits
- Early close on Fridays for Shabbat and closed for most Jewish holidays
- Shortened summer hours
- A positive work environment with exposure to great learning opportunities and the chance to work with some of the top professionals in the field of Jewish Education

How to Apply

- Please submit resume and cover letter to careers@JewishEdProject.org. Please include the job title in the email subject line
- The Jewish Education Project is an equal opportunity employer

Location

Remote until September 2, 2022, then hybrid, 3 days in office (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) at 520 Eighth Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10018 and 2 days working from home.

The Jewish Education Project aims to select, place and train the best qualified individuals based upon relevant factors such as work quality, attitude and experience, so as to provide equal employment opportunity for all our employees in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and without regard to non-work related factors such as race, color, religion/creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other protected class. We encourage and support diversity and tolerance in our workplace.