

## **JoLT: Jewish Learning Together Program Director & Teacher**

Congregation Agudas Achim is a traditional egalitarian synagogue located in the beautiful and historic Columbus, Ohio suburb of Bexley. We are in the midst of a rejuvenation with an influx of families with young children joining the congregation.

If you're energized by the idea of developing and leading a cutting-edge Jewish learning program, the kind that has children and families clamoring for more, then this position is for you. Congregation Agudas Achim's mission statement affirms that *"Shabbat is our 'beating heart,' when you will experience us at our best...Our Shabbat experiences set the table for engagement."* In that light, we are seeking an imaginative, passionate, knowledgeable and dynamic Jewish Educator to develop and lead a pioneering model of synagogue youth education - **JoLT: Jewish Learning Together**.

Students will have the opportunity to organically "learn by doing," with the educational experience taking place when the adults gather for their primary weekly Jewish communal experience...on Shabbat morning. **JoLT** will facilitate social bonding between our day school and public/secular private school populations by being inclusive of all children attending Shabbat services. The curriculum will focus on what children are able to think, feel and do Jewishly. Each Shabbat experience stands on its own with a beginning, middle, and end. There may also be (3) Sunday morning field trips/special activities, as well as (2) Shabbat Friday night dinner programs during the year. Ability to attend Sunday programs is strongly preferred but negotiable.

While **JoLT** is intended to replace "Sunday School," it is not a substitute for weekday Hebrew school decoding instruction and practice. Those students will continue to attend the existing Hebrew school program taking place at Agudas Achim on Tuesdays and is not part of **JoLT**.

Primary responsibilities for this fulfilling and exciting position include curriculum development, classroom teaching, parent engagement, staff supervision and program evaluation. The position is 7-10 hours per week with seasonal flexibility.

### Key Characteristics

**Embody a love of Jewish learning and living and ability to convey that love to children of all ages and levels of knowledge** – to formulate, develop and implement a multi-year content-rich spiral curriculum that utilizes the best practices of experiential education.

**Excellent multi-faceted communication skills** - to maintain consistent communication with parents and the overall Agudas Achim community through email, phone, in-person, social media, etc.

**Be comfortable with traditional Shabbat liturgy** – to incorporate opportunities for **JoLT** students to demonstrate proficiency and skills learned during Shabbat services.

**Have an engaging and dynamic personality** – to serve as one of the program's teachers and therefore personally evaluate success and address needed changes.

**Enjoy working as part of a team** – together with Agudas Achim's Education Committee and professional staff in creating **JoLT** to ensure a learning experience in which children, families, and community advance.

Please email cover letter and resume to Ari Goldberg, Executive Director, at [agoldberg@agudasachim.org](mailto:agoldberg@agudasachim.org). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting May 15.