Rabbi-in-Residence (Part-Time, 10hrs/week)
Judea Reform Congregation
Durham, NC
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Rabbi-in-Residence

Judea Reform Congregation (JRC) is seeking a Rabbi-in-Residence to join our Senior Rabbi to support the Jewish lives of our congregants through enriched rabbinic leadership. The position of Rabbi-In-Residence is a part-time, one-year rabbinic residency, which focuses on the areas of adult education and pastoral support, particularly for our aging congregants. The position of Rabbi-in-Residence requires an ability to engage congregants both in-person (when safe) and in virtual settings.

Core Responsibilities:

- **Deepening Jewish Wisdom.** JRC is a congregation founded and continuously enlivened by thought-leaders, immersed in an intellectual and progressive culture. Additional Rabbinic leadership here ensures that JRC is an invigorating sacred space where the wisdom and intellectual nourishment of Torah *converses with* cutting-edge ideas that bear upon society and our lives. This dynamic interplay will enable Torah to enter minds and hearts, enriching the lives of all who call Judea Reform their Jewish home. The Rabbi-in-Residence will partner with the Senior Rabbi and a vibrant and well-established Adult Education Committee to engage our members in classes, workshops, and lectures that speak to critical and challenging issues of our times.
• **Providing Pastoral & Spiritual Care.** Judea Reform Congregation is a center for lifelong spiritual & pastoral care. Our Rabbi-in-Residence will partner with our Senior Rabbi and our Pastoral Care & Life Cycle Coordinator to provide profound support to our members, both individually and in groups, focusing on our adult and aging populations and their distinct spiritual needs. This position will assist in creating meaningful connections with JRC members living in local Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs), as participation in and travel to our physical building becomes more difficult. In the coming year, JRC, in partnership with Jewish Sacred Aging, is bringing our older adult community together for a series of workshops that will explore issues of aging. Our Rabbi-in-Residence will facilitate small groups building on the topics addressed within these workshops, as well as other aging related concerns facing our members.

• **Pulpit & Life Cycle Engagement.** The Rabbi-in-Residence will be a part of our pulpit team and responsibilities will include engaging in approximately 1-2 services/month and teaching Saturday morning Torah study 1-2 times/month. Additionally, our Rabbi-in-Residence will provide assistance periodically for life cycle moments.

**Rabbi-in-Residence Qualifications:**

Judea Reform seeks a Rabbi-in-Residence who is passionate about Reform Judaism and can share that excitement with our community.

- Judea Reform’s Rabbi-in-Residence should be an experienced and relational Rabbi. He/she/they must be keenly invested in teaching and interacting with a congregation that is generally well-educated, and both intellectually and spiritually curious, seeking ways in which Judaism can profoundly support, enhance, and improve our lives.
- Our Rabbi-in-Residence should also be comfortable with the full gamut of rabbinic possibilities: Divrei Torah, Torah Study, High Holy Day engagement, and adult learning leadership.
- Our Rabbi-in-Residence must be a warm, approachable, and empathetic spiritual guide, responsive to the individual needs of congregants especially seniors. He/she/they must also be a trustworthy model of the values of Reform Judaism.

**Benefits and Salary**
Part time (10hrs wk) (on-site position)
Salary range commensurate with experience
One-year term, from Summer 2022 – June 2023
Reports to the Senior Rabbi

ABOUT JUDEA REFORM CONGREGATION (JRC)

Background

Founded in 1961, Judea Reform Congregation is centrally located in an academic hub of major institutions of higher learning, providing, among other opportunities, access to the resources of university Judaic Studies programs. Composed largely of “transplants,” with a few multi-generational families of long standing, the congregation is open to new and varied modes of worship while honoring the traditions built over a half century. Interfaith and non-traditional families constitute a significant part of our membership, and we seek to provide a welcoming home for all, including those with special needs. We value congregants' participation in worship and governance, as Torah readers, lay cantors, board members, and hands-on assistants to our staff. The congregation is not narrowly, inwardly focused but, instead, engages social and political issues in our community, state, nation, and abroad.

JRC Mission Statement

Judea Reform Congregation is a vibrant, welcoming community of approximately 600 households, where individuals and families in the Durham and Chapel Hill area gather to worship, learn, serve, and actively engage in the sacred traditions of our shared Jewish heritage.

We are inspired by Jewish history, the wisdom of our sacred texts, and the tenets of Reform Judaism. We use these in order to nurture our souls and our connection to God, to educate our children as well as ourselves, to cultivate leadership among all congregants, to celebrate our joys, to comfort those among us who are suffering, to serve our community and the world at large, and to promote peace and understanding. We preserve the great traditions of Judaism, respond to the current concerns of our community, and plan for a future of sacred engagement for generations to come.

Congregational Goals:
• Creating a vibrant and inspiring synagogue community, which invites individuals and families of all ages and identities into Jewish way of living, informed by Jewish traditions and marked by dynamic spirituality & meaningful relationships.
• Supporting the growth of Jewish wisdom across the generations of our congregation, through innovative learning opportunities and respectful discourse.
• Providing a welcoming social network through religious services, gatherings and activities, and social justice initiatives in pursuit of Tikkun Olam.

Major Academic Institutions in the Community:
• Duke University
• University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)
• North Carolina State University (NCSU)
• North Carolina Central University (NCCU)

Major Cultural Institutions in the Community:
• Durham Performing Arts Center, One of the top 10 theaters in the United States
• Carolina Theater, annually over 60 concerts, films & film series, Durham Symphony, in art deco venue
• Carrboro Arts Center, theater, concerts 93,000 patrons annually
• Progress Energy Performance Center, home of Carolina Ballet, NC Symphony, dozens of performances
• American Dance Festival, a 6 week modern dance event with international groups, including Israeli
• Full Frame film festival—annual documentary festival
• Dozens of other music and live theater venues
• Sports, including AAA baseball (Durham Bulls), professional hockey (Carolina Hurricanes), professional soccer (Carolina Railhawks), Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) college sports