



Shalom!

Thank you for applying to be a member of Judea Reform Congregation's Madrichim Corps! The JRC Madrichim are post B-nai Mitzvahers (8th-12th grade) who step up as leaders to support our congregational community in the JRC Religious School. The guiding principles of the Madrichim Corp echo those of our school and synagogue: Torah, Avodah, and G'millut Chasadim – Teacher, Prayer, Acts of Loving Kindness. Through teaching and learning, worship and service, the JRC Madrichim actively engage in Jewish life at the temple while participating in the education programs of the school, enriching the curriculum, and inspiring younger students to develop their positive Jewish identities. Madrichim may assist teachers in the classroom, provide creative and administrative support, and always model leadership, learning, and justice.

The singular MADRICH for men and MADRICHA for women refers to one who is a guide. We know you serve this purpose with our youth as a Corps of MADRICHIM.

There are three parts to this application:

- 1) questions for you to complete and return with both your signature and that of one parent/guardian;
- 2) a description of the roles and responsibilities of the various Madrichim options; and
- 3) possible questions you will receive via email as follow up to your application.

Please return your completed application by July 31. You may return your application to the attention of Julie Fishkin, Education Administrator, via snail mail (Judea Reform Congregation 1933 W. Cornwallis Road Durham, NC 27705), as an e-mail attachment (ReligiousSchool@judeareform.org), or via fax (919-489-0611).

Once we have received the application—completed and signed—we will email you confirming we received it and may ask you a questions in response to your answers. Please save the date for our Opening Learning Session, August 25. Exact time TBA (but in the morning).

Madrich(a)'s Data:

Please write legibly!!!

Your Name:

By what pronouns do you want to be addressed (ie: he/him, she/her, they, them)?

Your Home Phone:

Your Cell Phone:

Your Email:

School Grade in '19-20:

T-shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL

Assignment Preferences

Roles available to madrichim are: Teaching Assistants for Religious School; Youth Development Assistants for JRC; Administrative Assistants for Religious School; Shirah U'Tfilah Leader. We aim to match you with the age group and/or responsibilities that appeal to you the most. Please rank your top 3 options (1 = top preference):

- _____ Geshet – 6months-3 years old: Sundays, monthly, 10am-11am
- _____ Preschool – 2nd Grade: Sundays at the Lerner School, 9:15am to 11:30am
- _____ Grades 3-4: Sundays in the Mirkaz Limud, 9:15am to 12:30pm
- _____ Grades 5-6: Sundays in the Mirkaz Limud, 9:15am to 12:30pm
- _____ Grade 7: Saturdays at Mirkaz Limud, 8:45am to 11:00am
- _____ Youth Development or Administrative Assistant: hours to be arranged in consultation with Rena
- _____ Shirah u't'filah: Sundays with Zemer Allan 9:15am-11:30am (must have musical skills)

Experience/Skills

1. To help us make the best match for you, it will be helpful to know the following:

- a) Will you have siblings in the Religious School in 2019-20? If so, which grade(s)?
- b) Please rate your Hebrew skills: _____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor
- c) Do you anticipate that you will attend regional NFTY MAR events? Yes No
- d) If you were a madrich/a last year, are you interested in working with the same teacher?

2. What experience do you have working with children (babysitting, camp, tutoring, etc)?

3. What special skills or talents would you bring to our program (playing a musical instrument, singing, art, Hebrew, etc)?

4. In what other extra-curricular activities are you involved?

Email Questions

In your follow up email, we may ask some more about why you want to be a madrich/a. Other things you may be asked would an idea for something exciting you would be interested in doing in your classroom or how this experience will benefit you as your explore other ways to continue your Jewish education.

Pre-Requisites & Requirements To Serve as a Madrich/a:

- You are post b'mitzvah – 8th-12th grade
- We strongly encourage you to participate in Community Midrasha and/or DRTY to strengthen your relationship with the greater Jewish community and JRC while building your own Jewish identity.
- You have submitted a completed application including parent/guardian signatures
- You have responded to any emails from Rena when she reaches out about your application

Responsibilities...You will...

- Serve as role model for students by engaging in classroom programs, modeling proper behavior and interest in t'filah and shirah, acting as a partner to your classroom teacher, and being present in all ways.
- Assist classroom teacher in preparing the classroom and activities
- Grow into additional responsibilities in planning/preparation as the year progresses
- Assist classroom teachers in execution of activities
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- Check email at least once weekly and respond promptly as requested to emails from JRC staff
- Attend Professional Development Sessions and meetings with fellow madrichim, calendar to be provided
- Engage wholly with the classroom and JRC environs to be able to bring your best self to the program to help be part of the vision of the Madrichim Corps and JRC.
- Communicate with Rena and your teacher if you will be absent. Communication must come from the madrich/a. Low attendance and/or failure to communicate about absence may result in change of role.

Our Commitment to you

- You may receive up to 2 (two) scholarships of \$50 each for NFTY or DRTY programs and/or events
- You will receive high quality professional development and mentorship both in and outside of the classroom
- We will provide a formal letter of recommendation as needed
- We will provide documentation of community volunteerism as requested

Parent/Guardian Expectations

By signing in the section below, I commit to helping our teen fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Check and reply to email on a regular basis
- Notify their classroom teacher and Rena in cases of absence, planned or unplanned in a timely manner
- Arrive on time to JRC on a weekly basis (no later than 9:10) and remain until the end of the RS day
- Attend our Professional Development/Mentoring sessions (calendar will be provided at the start of the year – Opening Learning Session is August 25, time tba but in the morning)

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Parent/Guardian's Email Address(es):

By signing below, I express my interest in becoming a member of the Madrichim Corps for 5780 and commitment to all of the elements stated above.

Applicant's Name:

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