



Associate Rabbi

Congregation Schara Tzedek seeks an Associate Rabbi to join our Senior Rabbi to serve our membership base of 500 families from all over the world. Our synagogue has served the Vancouver Jewish Community for over 110 years and is the largest and most established Orthodox Synagogue in Western Canada. Schara Tzedek boasts passionate rabbinic leadership, superb event facilities, and an intense commitment to its legacy. In May we reopened our doors after the Covid-19 lockdown and we continue to maintain daily minyanim and a robust offering of virtual Torah study and programming.

Majestic mountains, the sparkling Pacific Ocean, rainforests, beautiful foliage throughout all four seasons, and a moderate climate year-round make Vancouver one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Whistler, a resort destination with world-class skiing and mountain biking, is less than a two-hour drive away. The community is significant with approximately 25,000-30,000 Jews living in the greater Vancouver area. In addition to Schara Tzedek, our community has ten other established synagogues of diverse denominations, an eruv, two mikvahs, a kosher butcher, four kosher eateries, five kosher caterers, a Torah elementary school, a community elementary school, a community high school, and an all girls high school. Our synagogue maintains the eruv, one of the mikvahs and is an active member of the Beit Din.

The Opportunity

The Associate Rabbi will benefit from the guidance and mentorship of our Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Andrew Rosenblatt, who has been with Schara Tzedek for almost 20 years. Together with our Senior Rabbi, the Associate Rabbi will engage our membership and promote greater commitment to Torah study and mitzvot within the Schara Tzedek community. The Associate Rabbi will be involved with leading minyanim, teaching Torah, providing pastoral support, spearheading and enhancing our adult education programming, and working with our b'nai mitzvah. Our ideal candidate is a dynamic individual who can develop programs across a range of Jewish education levels, encourage spiritual growth for all our members, and engage with the wider community, particularly with our growing population of young families and young professionals.

Rabbinic Responsibilities:

Leading Minyanim:

- Lead daily minyanim for shacharit and mincha, which can include giving Divrei Torah in-person and virtually
- Lead a Shabbat morning minyan and deliver a drasha

Torah Education:

- Deliver weekly shiurim and Divrei Torah
- Serve as a resource for halachic guidance

Life Cycle Events and Pastoral Support:

- Partner with Senior Rabbi to attend community events
- Partner with Senior Rabbi to officiate at life cycle events (ex. Baby namings, brisim, Bnai Mitzvah, shivas, weddings, and funerals)
- Bikur Cholim - visit the sick and shut-in
- Provide pastoral guidance to members
- Host Shabbat and yom tov meals



Education Programming

- In collaboration with the Senior Rabbi, develop, lead, and deliver the Shul's adult education program
- Assist with coordinating the family educational programming including Shabbat meals, kids events, and special shiurim
- Schedule Scholars in Residence, presenters, mini-series and other guest speakers
- Develop innovative programming that appeals to the broader Jewish community
- Work with the Executive Director to ensure budgeting for programming offered
- In collaboration with our office staff, lead the production of our annual program/ community calendar
- Lead classes for engaged and newly married couples

Synagogue Leadership & Administration

- Assist with the Shul website, Facebook pages, and external communications including the Shabbat Bulletin
- Partner with and support the Senior Rabbi in various ritual responsibilities such as checking the eruv, Pre-Pesach Kashering and Hashgacha of the Shul kitchen, mikvah, etc.
- Work with the Membership Committee in their endeavours to grow the synagogue membership and engage existing members, identify potential new members and assist the Committee in their efforts
- Provide oversight in the production of the Shul's annual calendar, particularly with respect to candle lighting, Havdalah, zmanim, and services times.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate brings:

- Smicha and Torah education scholarship
- Excellent people skills to relate to members of all different ages and backgrounds
- A hashkafa consistent with our Shul which values and promotes religious Zionism, Modern Orthodoxy, and commitment to Torah study and mitzvot
- Comfort with public speaking and giving Shiurim to diverse audiences
- A creative approach to envisioning programs and the ability to make them successful
- Capability to inspire, teach and even challenge, all with a tone and spirit that is respectful, inclusive, warm, welcoming and non-judgmental

Compensation:

The Shul is offering a salary package commensurate with experience, including health benefits and support for relocation expenses. We will also provide assistance with securing accommodation.

This is an excellent opportunity for a passionate Rabbi or husband and wife team interested in making a significant impact to our shul and wider community. Additionally, we can facilitate employment for a spouse at a local Jewish school or other Jewish institutions or in other fields (IT, healthcare, etc.).

To apply to this opportunity, please send your cover letter, CV, one reference and a 2 to 5 minute Dvar Torah video to careers@scharatzedeck.com.



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