

## Young Israel of Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale, Florida – Senior Rabbi

With more than 550 family units located in a dynamic Jewish community, this major congregation seeks a full-time Senior Rabbi, following the retirement of Rabbi Edward Davis who has served the community for 36 years.

Established over 40 years ago, Young Israel of Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale (YIH) has a diverse membership in age, religious observance and commitment. South Florida boasts a thriving and highly affiliated Jewish community. Several state of the art Jewish schools both in Broward County and in nearby Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties, include multiple Early Childhood, Day School and High School ranging from Community schools to Yeshiva environments. Other community amenities in Hollywood include an Eruv, Mikvah, numerous Kosher dining and shopping establishments, a Kollel and a JCC.

As one of the largest synagogues in South Florida, YIH provides rich and creative weekly and holiday programming with appropriate support staff and budget. YIH offers eight minyanim on Shabbat (7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, youth, teen, Young Professionals, Beit Midrash and Sephardic), as well as multiple daily minyanim. YIH supports a broad range of youth programs, a vibrant program of Torah study, adult education activities, and outreach to young families. The main sanctuary has 380 permanent seats that can be expanded to over 750 for the High Holy Days. YIH is truly one of the elite Modern Orthodox synagogues in the United States. The generous compensation package is designed to ensure the candidacies of “5-star” Rabbis. Ideal candidates should passionately embrace Modern Orthodoxy and Religious Zionism.

YIH is seeking a candidate who embodies Modern Orthodox Torah values in both his rabbinical position and daily interaction with the community at large. The candidate must be well versed in Halacha and, at the same time, must be sensitive and nuanced in his approach to the diversity and broad spectrum of our membership. We expect our Rabbi to possess teaching skills and strength in sermon presentation, pastoral skills for lifecycle events, Jewish outreach and CEO-style staff management. It is also imperative that our Rabbi have a love for and commitment to the State of Israel. He will keep our congregation updated, aware, and involved in all matters relating to the State of Israel and her wellbeing.

The Rabbi will be responsible to ensure that the congregation remains a *makom limud* for its members. He must display strong and effective oratory skills in order to maintain and enhance the spirituality of our religious services. The Rabbi must be actively engaged in activities targeted to different constituents of our community, with particular focus on our youth, young adults, outreach families, seniors and women seeking to expand their educational and spiritual opportunities.

The following is a list of traits we are seeking in our future rabbi:

### Well versed in Torah and secular knowledge

- He should have Orthodox Semicha and a college education.
- He should have the depth of learning to provide Pesak Halacha on communal and personal issues.
- He should use his sermons and teaching opportunities to speak of how a Torah perspective informs our approach to understanding the complexity of modern-day challenges.

### Role model for religious observance and practice

- He should be a Halachic and spiritual leader who sees the importance of integrating Jewish identity and practice with our role in the modern world.
- He should be an inspiring teacher and role model who can reach people with different educational and religious backgrounds.
- He should be an example of impeccable middot in his interactions with all people.
- He should inspire the pursuit of education and deepening religious involvement, and work to increase adult participation in educational opportunities and even greater attendance at Minyanim.

### Caring, sensitive, flexible, tolerant, gregarious and approachable

- He should be a relationship-based individual who will offer comfort to those facing hardship.
- He should provide Pesak Halacha with sensitivity to the diverse backgrounds of the congregation.
- He should be available to provide counseling, guidance, and visits to the sick.
- He should serve as a pastoral leader helping the congregants through lifecycle events, showing sensitivity to their individual situations and needs.

### Foster a sense of inclusion in the community

- He should improve cohesion and inclusion by motivating people to get involved in shul and community activities.
- He should engage with the congregation to enhance the role of women within synagogue life, including expanding educational opportunities and religious experiences.
- He should engage the youth within the community and help foster their connection to Torah as a relevant force in their life. He should build and maintain relationships with children from their participation in Shabbat groups, to preparation for Bar and Bat Mitzvah, and throughout their experiences during their high school years in forming their Jewish identity as young adults.

### Communal leader

- He should support the local religious day schools and other local religious institutions as vital to the growth of the community including financial support for our Shul, Mikvah and the Jewish Education Fund going to all day schools in South Florida.
- He should be a strong advocate for Israel, with involvement in communal Zionist activities.

### Challenges

- This spiritual health of our youth is paramount. The Rabbi in conjunction with our youth leadership will pave a positive path for our children.
- The incoming Senior Rabbi will be responsible for promoting the unity of this cohesive congregation, while catering to each of the diverse elements of our orthodox spectrum.

- The annual growth of our community will likely necessitate expanding our facilities in the next 36 months. The incoming Rabbi will be expected to participate in fundraising and help drive capital donations for this building initiative.

YIH invites applications from all candidates with an Orthodox semicha. Several years' experience as a senior pulpit Rabbi in an Orthodox synagogue is preferred but not required. The synagogue offers a competitive package commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. All expressions of interest should be communicated to [search@yih.org](mailto:search@yih.org) prior to December 17, 2016 and will be dealt with in strictest confidence.