

2024-2025 Part Time Teaching Faculty

Job Description

About Westchester Reform Temple

Westchester Reform Temple is a vibrant, caring, and welcoming community – a *Kehillah Kedoshah* – that connects through Judaism to cultivate joy and meaning at every stage of life. We join together to support and lift each other spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually; carry Jewish tradition forward proudly; and impact the world positively.

We accomplish this mission through:

- **Prayer and Celebration**: providing musical and other inspiring spiritual expression, including for Shabbat, holidays, lifecycle events, and other times of happiness and sorrow;
- Learning and Exploration: offering engaging, lifelong Jewish study and experiences; and
- **Community and Global Action**: promoting justice, repairing the world, and supporting the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

Among the 1,000+ WRT member households today, you will find the embodiment of Reform Jewish diversity in America. The enduring values that guide all we do include community and connection, caring, respect, and inclusion, Judaism in our daily lives, and the pursuit of excellence and innovation.

About the Jewish Learning Lab at Westchester Reform Temple

An innovative Jewish educational program for students in Kindergarten through the 12th grade, the Jewish Learning Lab (JLL) works to advance Westchester Reform Temple's mission "to ensure the perpetuation of the Jewish people and to cultivate a love of our Jewish heritage: God, Torah and Israel." Students not only form an understanding and appreciation for Judaism and its lifelong traditions, but they also form a connection to a warm, inclusive community that enhances the learning experience.

The Jewish Learning Lab's mission is to kindle a lifelong love of Jewish learning and living in children and youth in the WRT community. In achieving this mission, the JLL aspires to:

- Support the development of a strong Jewish identity, strengthened with Hebrew language, rooted in Jewish tradition, nurtured by the study of Judaism, and guided by Jewish values.
- Create enduring and joyful Jewish memories, bringing Torah to life and inspiring Jewish dreams.
- Celebrate both the richness of our traditions and the limitless possibilities of innovation, preparing us to engage with the unique blessings and challenges of being Jewish in the 21st century.
- Foster the development of an inclusive and caring community, one that reflects the diversity of Jewish life today and is empowered to serve those in need.

Job Summary/Objective

We are looking for several positions to complete our teaching team. We have openings in the following places:

3rd/4th Grade TUESDAYS 3:30pm-4:45pm 3rd/4th Grade WEDNESDAYS 3:30pm-4:45pm K-5 Grade SUNDAYS 9am-11:30am

Responsibilities include:

Preparation and Instruction

- Using curricular resources provided by JLL Director and Full Time Cohort Lead, you will prepare for and teach weekly lessons for 26 sessions (weekend) or 30 sessions (weekday) between September and May
- JLL Support staff will ensure that requested materials are available as needed
- Attend required Teacher Training/Professional Development sessions throughout the year

Communications

- Establish a rapport with students and families
- Draft regular communications to parents that highlight learnings and projects from class
- Reach out to families where students are absent more than two weeks in a row

Qualifications:

- Collaborative and flexible team player
- Self-starter and self-reflective
- Possess excellent written and oral communication skills
- Possess the ability to build and maintain appropriate relationships with children and their parents

- Comfort with Hebrew (spoken preferred)
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Reform Jewish movement, its values and its institutions (preferred)

Salary will depend on experience, credentials, and actual assigned schedule, ranging from \$2,800-\$6,250 per position per school year.

To apply for any of these opportunities, please send a resume and a cover letter detailing your interest to Rabbi.Citrin@wrtemple.org