



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: TEVA EDUCATOR (FALL SEASON), FALLS VILLAGE, CT**

Hazon works to create healthier and more sustainable communities in the Jewish world and beyond. We're the largest dedicated environmental organization in the American Jewish community. In aggregate we're seeking to shift the nature of what it means to be Jewish in the 21st century – enabling and encouraging Jewish people to have an impact in the world and transforming Jewish life in the process. We are based in New York, NY and Falls Village CT, and have offices in San Francisco, Denver, Boulder, Philadelphia, Detroit, and San Diego.

Teva, a program of Hazon, is the premier Jewish environmental education program in the country. Our four-day Shomrei Adamah program provides transformational experiences in nature for Jewish day school students. We are seeking creative, playful, and hard-working people to join our team of fall educators at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center.

Teva's educators are musicians, artists, performers, scientists, athletes, scholars and lovers of life. Some have worked in education, environmental studies, and social work. All Teva educators are hired because they have demonstrated strong skills in working with children through prior experience.

Teva educator alumni have founded fourteen other Jewish environmental initiatives and are national leaders in the movement to create a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community and world. We value the growth and development of our educators as highly as the experiences of our students. For many educators, Teva becomes a portal to an extended network of professional opportunities and lasting friendships in the Jewish environmental community.

### **Responsibilities include:**

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#### Teaching

- Introduce students to the natural world through exploration of the forest, farm, and campus of Isabella Freedman
- Plan and lead outdoor learning blocks for your group of students to teach ecological and Jewish concepts, either solo or with a co-educator
- Work collaboratively with supervisors and colleagues
- Lead elective workshops for students
- Participate in theatrical presentations, large scale games, evening programming, and song sessions
- Support programming at meals for students and chaperones
- Participate in *shacharit* (morning prayer services) and add creative educational elements
- Assist with development of curriculum, skits, and program materials
- Participate in staff training and development (1/3 of total work time) and learn Teva's curriculum

#### Living at Teva

- Prepare the site for the week, includes programming materials, set-up, and take-down
- Attend staff and community meetings
- Live in an intentional Jewish community with the other educators and staff
- Participate in end-of-season cleanup, evaluations, and closing activities
- General support of Teva and Hazon

## Qualifications

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- Demonstrated skill in and genuine enthusiasm for working with children
- Desire to teach children about Judaism, ecology, and environmental issues in an experiential outdoor setting
- Background in natural science and/or Judaism (broadly construed)
- Experience teaching environmental education or Jewish education a plus but not required
- Positive attitude, strong work ethic, sense of humor, and willingness to learn
- Flexibility; ability to adapt to unexpected changes in circumstances and schedules
- Strong communication and teamwork skills; must be able to work as part of a close-knit, interdependent team
- Ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions
- Valid certification in First Aid/CPR (must obtain before arriving at Teva)
- Other specialty skills/knowledge are a plus (e.g. music, crafts, drama, wilderness skills, cooking, gardening, storytelling, group building, juggling, unicycling...you get the idea)

## Compensation and benefits

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- \$3000 for entire season (pay increases for staff who return for multiple seasons)
- Room and board provided by Hazon
- Free attendance at select weekend/holiday programming at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center
- Professional development and networking opportunities throughout season
- Opportunity to develop teaching skills in a creative experiential setting
- Participation in a vibrant ecologically-based Jewish community

## Season Length

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September 7 – December 16, 2015

## How to Apply

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Visit [hazon.org/teva](http://hazon.org/teva) for more information. Send resume and cover letter to [jobs@hazon.org](mailto:jobs@hazon.org) with "Teva Educator" in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until positions are filled.

Salary is commensurate with experience, including benefits package.

Hazon is strongly committed to equal employment opportunities for all individuals. Hazon will make all employment decisions for staff and applicants without unlawful discrimination as to race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, alienage, citizenship or any other basis protected by law. This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment including but not limited to recruiting, hiring, compensation, training and development, benefits, promotion, demotion transfer, discipline or termination. All Hazon staff, regardless of position, is expected to maintain and live up to the true meaning of nondiscrimination.