



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT – HAZON

TEVA EDUCATOR (FALL SEASON), FALLS VILLAGE, CT

Teva 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 over fourteen 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 well 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

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
- Lead Camp Teva children's programming during Hazon holiday retreats
- 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

- 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

- Hourly pay of \$10.10 per hour, with eligibility for limited overtime. (Around \$5,000 - \$7,000 for the season.)
- 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

August 26 – December 12, 2018

To Apply

Visit our website for the application at hazon.org/teva/educator/
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled; please apply expeditiously.
Any questions please contact Arielle Aronoff by email teva@hazon.org or call 860-824-5991 x401

Background on Hazon

Hazon works to create healthier and more sustainable communities in the Jewish world and beyond.

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.