



## **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 engaged, nature-inspired, creative, playful, and hard-working people to join our team of fall educators at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center. Isabella Freedman is a pluralistic Jewish community in Falls Village, CT.

Teva aims to connect youth to the natural world, inspire environmental awareness and activism, and engage youth in Jewish culture and tradition. We are looking for educators who are excited to take part in this mission by leading and developing transformational experiences in nature. Educators spend their day outside with a group of students, and lead interactive curriculum that focuses on awareness, interconnectedness, ecology, and responsibility.

Teva's educators come from a diversity of backgrounds and contribute a variety of skills to the program. Musicians, teachers, wilderness leaders, artists, mentors, performers, athletes, scholars, and lovers of life are invited! All Teva educators are hired because they have demonstrated strong skills in working with children through prior experience.

#### **Responsibilities**

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- Introduce students to the natural world through exploration of the forest, farm, and campus of Isabella Freedman
- Plan and lead outdoor learning blocks and electives 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
- 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
- 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 nature connection 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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- Hourly pay of \$10.10 per hour, with eligibility for limited overtime. (Around \$5,000 for the season.)
- Room and board provided by Hazon at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center
- Free attendance at select weekend/holiday programming at Isabella Freedman
- Participation in select weekend/holiday programming at Isabella Freedman
- 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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Fall Season 2019: Aug 25th – Dec 11th (exact dates are subject to change)

May 2020: There will also be the opportunity to continue as a Spring Tevanik for the month-long spring program.

### **To Apply**

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Visit our website for the application at [hazon.org/teva/educators/teva-educator/](http://hazon.org/teva/educators/teva-educator/)

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled; please apply expeditiously. Any questions please contact Karen Pettinelli by email [teva@hazon.org](mailto:teva@hazon.org) or call 860-824-5991 x401

### **Background on Hazon**

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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.

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 identity and expression, 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, are expected to maintain and live up to the true meaning of nondiscrimination.