

## **Project Coordinator**

### **The Green Sabbath Project**

The Green Sabbath Project is a new campaign to inspire a mass movement of more maximal sabbath-keeping among monotheists — and all others — for environmental reasons. Shabbat, the sabbath is an age-old spritual technology and offers great promise as a means of reducing our environmental impact. the Green Sabbath Project website ( ) will feature readings, crowd-sourced liturgy, crowd-sourced ads available for use, crowd-sourced suggestions for sabbath activities, a global calendar of local (green) sabbath get-togethers and events, links to related campaigns and organizations, and more. The campaign aims to produce as minimal an environmental impact as possible, using 21st-century methods to achieve religion’s age-old strategy of propagating an effective network mostly by word-of-mouth.

Our sabbath days must become a time of active avoidance of environmental vandalism, a time for programmatic congregational and individual reflection on how we are undoing creation. Like all steps social, political and spiritual, whether a green sabbath is lip service or radical (that is, getting to the root of a problem) depends on how it is implemented. We intend green sabbaths to be a radical ritual within which we can digest anew the biblical prophets’ warnings against the corruption of the rich and powerful, the oppression of the poor and the self-centered pursuit of short-sighted pleasures, understanding how relevant such warnings are to the ecological devastation wrought by hypercapitalism. Sabbath properly practiced offers a weekly interruption of the suicidal econometric fantasy of infinite growth, a weekly divestment from fossil fuels. As Greta Thunberg reminds us, we already know what the solutions are for our environmental crises. Green sabbaths will provide a recurring greenhouse for incubating the required collective consciousness and willpower — the ultimate renewable energies — to make the solutions reality. Green sabbaths will constitute both a model of the ecologically-sane world to come and an actual foretaste of it.

#### **Job Description:**

The Green Sabbath project seeks a Project Coordinator. This is a part-time position for the time being. The Project Coordinator will serve as the main staff person responsible for the Green Sabbath Project, working directly under and with the project’s founder and Director, Jonathan Schorsch. Schorsch, a professor of Jewish Studies at the Universität Potsdam (Germany), founded and directs the Jewish Activism Summer School in Berlin ([www.jassberlin.org](http://www.jassberlin.org)). The position can be filled remotely, though ideally in-person contact can be maintained (New York or Berlin).

The Project Coordinator will be responsible for

- helping establish the project as a non-profit organization or obtaining fiscal sponsorship in the meanwhile
- reaching out to supporting leaders and clergy
- organizing local events

- populating the website with content and managing the website's content
- writing and submitting grant proposals
- reaching out to communities
- and more...

**Job requirements:**

The position requires:

- basic office skills (MSWord, Excel, Google docs, etc.)
- working knowledge of Squarespace
- familiarity with the Jewish and Christian communities
- familiarity with the world of religious environmentalism
- good communication skills
- good people skills
- the ability to work closely with the Director yet independently
- the capacity to take initiative
- creative problem-solving
- public speaking ability

There is tremendous room for growth in this position. As the Green Sabbath Project is a new organization, there is also great potential for creative input.

This position begins at 10-15 hours/week, \$20/hour. No health benefits are possible at this time. Increased hours and benefits will depend on funding, but this is a primary goal of our fundraising.

Please send (1) a cover letter explaining your interest and qualifications; and (2) resume to:

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