



Jews For A Secular Democracy

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZER (P/T Independent Contractor) **Jews for a Secular Democracy**

Jews for a Secular Democracy (JFASD) is a pluralistic initiative of the Society for Humanistic Judaism (www.SHJ.org) to counter the influence of religion on government, by galvanizing the Jewish community to defend the constitutional separation of church and state. JFASD provides a uniquely Jewish perspective on religion-state separation by drawing on Jewish teachings, history, and experience to educate, advocate, and mobilize the Jewish community into action on the issues.

JFASD seeks a part-time Michigan Community Organizer—ideally based in the Metro Detroit area—to oversee all aspects of the state-based program. The position is paid as an independent contractor at \$1,600/month for an initial 10-month contract with the potential for extension / expansion and will work in close collaboration with the SHJ executive director, JFASD staff, and board leadership.

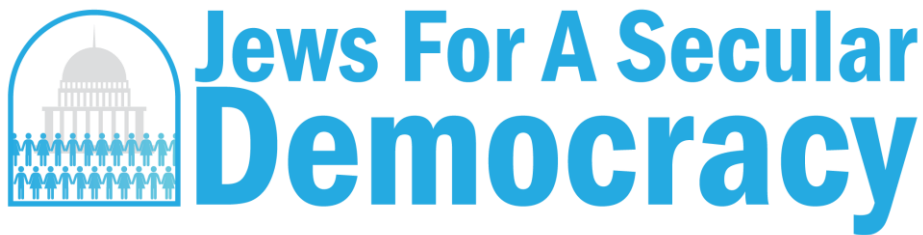
The person we’re looking for wants to champion this cause, will make its success a top priority, and has the skills to get it done.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Fostering partnerships on the local and state levels among Jewish communal institutions and synagogues across denominational lines, as well as with secular social justice organizations.
- Through those partnerships and independently, mobilizing Jews of all denominations, and their friends, family members, and allies, to participate in JFASD programs, both in-person and online.
- Working with national JFASD staff to provide that educational and advocacy programming locally, around church-state separation issues through a Jewish perspective including LGBTQ+ equality, reproductive justice, women’s rights, and more.
- Growing and coordinating a state-based cohort of volunteer grassroots organizers and leaders to help in these efforts.
- Identifying and engaging thought-leaders on the issues, including authors, scholars, and other legal and Judaic experts, to help shape and deliver the intellectual content behind the education and advocacy.
- Collating materials created and lessons learned from this on-the-ground pilot effort into replicable programs and curriculum to be offered in other states.
- Tracking the benchmarks for outputs, outcomes, and expenditures, and accurately reporting them quarterly.

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Ideal* qualifications include:

- At least 2+ years of experience in community organizing and programming, ideally in the Jewish or Secular social justice spaces.
- An understanding of the organized Jewish community of Metro Detroit, Judaism, and the Jewish experience, and how it relates to First Amendment freedom of religion issues.
- Experience meeting with non-profit leaders, elected officials, and/or policy makers.
- A proven ability to motivate people to action and grow participation.
- An existing network of fellow activists and social media reach.
- Self-directed and organized in determining tasks to undertake in order to achieve initiative goals.
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills and positive interpersonal skills.

* We recognize that few applicants will have all qualification. If you match some areas and have comparable experiences in others, please apply. ***In your statement of interest, please explain how your experiences are relevant to the above responsibilities and qualifications.***

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to:

Paul Golin, Executive Director, Society for Humanistic Judaism

info@SHJ.org

Thank you!

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