



## **Who We Are**

Congregation Shir Hadash is a Reform congregation located in Los Gatos, CA, in the heart of Silicon Valley, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. The congregation is a vibrant and well-established mid-sized congregation of roughly 600 family units, dedicated to providing a vital Jewish life, spiritual growth, and a sense of community for its members.

Recently, our Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Melanie Aron, retired after serving the congregation for 30 years. We are thrilled to be welcoming Rabbi Nico Socolovsky to the Shir Hadash family in July as our next Senior Rabbi. We are excited for his vision, energy, and leadership.

## **What We Do**

*Kulanu* ("All of Us") is a multi-faceted approach to Jewish learning that lets go of the notions of "school," and replaces it with "experience." We acknowledge that our youth and their families are unique and recognize that engagement in Jewish life is not one size fits all. As such, we strive to support all of our youth and families in a variety of ways in which they can connect with Judaism. By learning and living Jewishly, and by understanding our collective history and traditions, we can find meaning and purpose for our lives today.

## **Who We Are Seeking**

We are seeking individuals who have a passion for working with children, flexibility and enthusiasm, enjoy working as a team, and have an eagerness to learn and grow as a professional, to serve as teachers in our *Kulanu Learning* program and *JET* (Jewish Experiences for Teens Program).

Our *Kulanu Learning* Program for Grades K-6 meets on Sundays from 9:30am-12:00pm, and our *JET* program for Grades 7-9 meets on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

## Qualifications

- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to relate to children and adults
- Willingness and enthusiasm to work with a team
- Mandated Reporter certification, or willingness to acquire
- Knowledge and experience with play-based and project-based learning is welcomed, but not required

## Compensation and Benefits

- All teachers are provided a competitive stipend that is comparable to what other congregations in the Bay Area our size pay its supplemental school teachers. Starting pay is based on experience teaching and education.
- As a teacher, you are an important part of the Shir Hadash community and we encourage you to make this your spiritual and communal home. You are welcome to participate in our services and programs.
- You will play an integral role in the shaping of an exciting and dynamic approach to Jewish Education, with the support of our clergy, fellow teachers, and lay leadership.

Interested candidates should reach out to Rabbi PJ Schwartz at [rabbischwartz@shirhadash.org](mailto:rabbischwartz@shirhadash.org) or (408) 358-1751, ext. 3.