



## **Job Opening: Jewish Learning Teacher Makom ATID 2017-2018**

Makom ATID (Afterschool *Torah Im Derekh-Eretz*) is Makom's brand-new, innovative approach to serious Jewish learning and bar/bat mitzvah preparation. Makom ATID offers classes in Jewish learning, Hebrew language, and synagogue skills (prayer and Torah/haftarah chanting) to students in grades 5-8 in downtown Toronto.

### Makom ATID's Educational Goals

- Engage students in deep and meaningful Jewish learning
- Provide broader, foundational knowledge of Judaism and Hebrew
- Offer continuing education for Makom Afterschool students and educational opportunities for students coming from different Jewish day or supplementary schools or with no prior Jewish education
- Encourage *Torah lishmah* – Jewish learning for its own sake – with a secondary focus on the bar/bat mitzvah ceremony
- Create downtown Jewish peer community
- Develop future opportunities to engage in volunteering, outdoor experiences, downtown Jewish history, etc.

**We seek a dynamic, creative, and energetic teacher who has knowledge of both traditional and contemporary Jewish texts, history, values, and traditions.**

### **The Makom ATID Jewish Learning Teacher will:**

- Teach children in grades 5-8 every Wednesday from September to June, 4-6pm
- Teach Jewish texts, history, and traditions through both traditional and experiential models of teaching

- Make Jewish tradition accessible and meaningful to diverse 10- to 14-year-old students
- Teach Jewish values, texts, and traditions in a pluralistic and inclusive fashion

### Job Requirements

- Deep knowledge of Jewish studies and tradition
- Familiarity and facility with the sacred texts of Judaism and their traditional and contemporary interpretations (Torah, Tanakh, Midrash, Mishnah, Talmud, etc.)
- Expertise in one or several of the following: experiential or informal Jewish education, differentiated classrooms, and classroom management
- Experience with classroom teaching, lesson planning, and pedagogy
- Commitment to children's social and emotional development
- Desire to grow and learn professionally
- Passion for working with children and teens
- Strong oral and written communication skills

### Preferred qualifications

- Experience with experiential education methods
- Training or experience in formal and informal Jewish education
- Experience with differentiated classroom, teaching multiple ages at once
- Knowledge of child development and ability to apply it to lesson planning and instruction

In addition to a base salary, the Makom ATID Jewish Learning Teacher will receive vacation pay and paid sick leave, as well as CPP and EI benefits.

Please submit resumes to [rabbi@makomTO.org](mailto:rabbi@makomTO.org).

Resumes will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

For more information, please visit our website: [www.makomafterschool.org](http://www.makomafterschool.org)