



Director of Music Job Description

POSITION TITLE: Director of Music (part-time, salaried, approx. 5 hours/wk)

REPORTS TO: Rabbi for duties and responsibilities, Executive Committee for contract

Summary:

The Director of Music serves as Mosaic Reform's musical leader, providing joyous and spiritual music. While musical skill is essential, inspiring robust community participation in prayer and song is equally important.

Working under the direction of the Rabbi, and in collaboration with our volunteer choir and other musicians, the Director of Music guides the congregation in all matters affecting the Jewish musical activities of the synagogue. Creativity encouraged.

This is a part-time position with a schedule varying depending on the ritual calendar. Opportunities for additional work with Mosaic Reform may be possible depending on the candidate's skills. We are particularly interested in a Director of Music who can work well with children. This position involves regular weekend and evening work as well as on Yom Tovim. As this position involves working closely with children, successful applicants will be required to receive clearance via the Disclosure and Barring Service. (This will be arranged and paid for by Mosaic Synagogue).

Music Leadership Duties and Responsibilities:

- Sing and play as a congregational song-leader during weekly Friday evening and Saturday morning services, Children's services, B'nei Mitzvah services, special programs, Festivals, High Holy Day Services, Weddings and other Community Events.
- Work in collaboration with the Rabbi on the continual development of the prayer services and holiday celebrations according to the needs of the community.
- Train, rehearse, and direct the choir and instrumentalists (where appropriate), including rehearsal/practice time, with more frequent rehearsals in preparation for festivals and High Holy Days.
- Encourage a participative attitude in the congregation, to sing with the choir rather than just listening.
- Introduce new music to the congregational repertoire in collaboration with the Rabbi.



- Work with our religion school, HaMakom, to bring music to the religious school programme.
- Administrative Responsibilities such as coordinating rehearsals, regular communication, and equipment set up.

Skill/Knowledge Requirements

Essential:-

- Jewish music and prayer repertoire.
- Familiarity with liturgical Hebrew.
- Music skills including singing and instrumental accompaniment on guitar / piano or similar instrument.
- Congregational song-leading and teaching skills.
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to lead and enthuse other people
- Ability to innovate
- Ability to engage effectively with a diverse group of people
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent coordination and self-management

Desirable:-

- B'nei Mitzvah tutoring – 1-1 teaching of prayer, Torah reading and trope (where applicable).
- Leading children's services.
- Vocal and instrumental arrangement and composition.
- Chanting Torah and training others to chant Torah.
- Skill with sound technology / equipment.

Benefits and Salary:

Salary will be paid according to relevant skills, qualifications and experience.

Benefits include: holiday, Employee Assistance Scheme