

**Job Description
Full-Time Adventure Educator
Boulder, Colorado**



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The Adventure Rabbi Program is seeking a talented, creative Educator to help expand the capacity of our innovative, cutting-edge educational offerings.

This is a full-time position, based in Boulder, Colorado. Please do not apply if you are not able to move to the Boulder area.

Portfolio:

1. Hebrew Tutoring: individual and small group, in-person and distance learning
2. Family and Children's Programming at Adventure Rabbi Outdoor Retreats, including (but not limited to) Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Passover in the Desert. (Note that our Outdoor Retreats take us to mountain and desert locations outside of Boulder)
3. Teaching in Adventure Rabbi Kids, our alternative religious school
4. Teaching our online learning curriculum
5. Leading and organizing one outdoor Shabbat program per month of your choosing
6. Leading and organizing one 20s / 30s event per month of your choosing



Minimum Requirements:

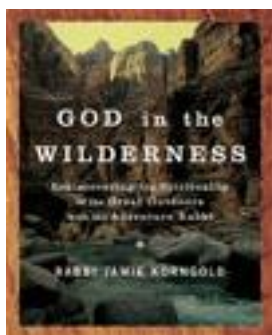
- Undergraduate Degree (B.A. or B.S.)
- Two years Teaching Experience
- Proven ability to teach Hebrew beginning with Aleph-Bet
- Proven ability to teach prayers (Reform liturgy)
- Pleasant singing voice
- Know Torah Trope or be able to learn it before beginning position
- Willing to travel and work on Shabbat

Position Specifics:

1. Hebrew Tutoring

Specifics include:

- One-on-one and small group tutoring of Hebrew. The Educator will be responsible for tutoring Hebrew students 20-30 hours a week, online and in person. This is a unique opportunity to work closely with students and deeply influence their Jewish identity.
- Includes basic Hebrew decoding ranging from basic Aleph–Bet to chanting of prayers and chanting Torah
- Creating recordings of Torah portions (Must know Trope or be prepared to learn it before beginning the job.)



2. Retreat Program

In conjunction with our Director of Education, Elaine Barenblat, plan and run the children and family programs at Adventure Rabbi major retreats:

- Rosh Hashanah Retreat, outside Boulder, Colorado
- Yom Kippur retreat, in Boulder, Colorado
- Passover Retreat, in Moab, Utah

3. Monthly Shabbat Outdoor Event

The Educator will be responsible for designing and leading one outdoor Shabbat event a month. Past and current events have included, Shabbat at ski resorts, Shabbat hikes, Shabbat snowshoe trips, trash clean-up in a park, and peak climbs. This event can be for families, adults, teens or other demographics. The possibilities are as open as your creativity allows!



4. Adventure Rabbi Kids – Alternative Religious School

Adventure Rabbi Kids, our alternative religious school, meets a little more often than monthly. Students are in grades 1-6. Elaine Barenblat runs the school and designs the curriculum. The Educator will assist Elaine, adding her or his expertise to the mix and working in concert with her.

Adventure Rabbi Kids Responsibilities:

- Teach (Will be placed in an age group based on teaching strengths)
- Assist with administrative elements
- Help write and execute lesson plans
- Help with logistics (purchasing supplies, setting up, cleaning up etc.)

5. Online Learning

We are in the process of writing curriculum for an online school and our new educator would have the opportunity to teach our new curriculum for pre and post B'nai Mitzvah aged students.

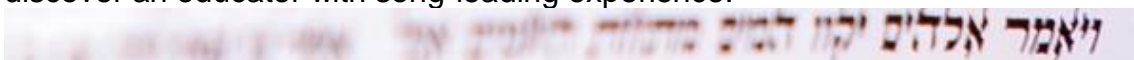
7. Mentor/Supervision

You will be mentored and supervised by our Director of Education, Elaine Barenblat, who will help you hone your skills so that you will thrive in this unique and exacting environment.



General Skill Sets: We realize we may not be able to find one person with all of these skills. However, if you have many of them and an interest in the rest, let's talk.

- **Love working with youth.**
Most (but not all your time) will be leading and teaching youth and families. We need to see your contagious enthusiasm when working with youth. You need not be teaching certified to apply.
- **Comfortable with technology**
You should be comfortable with computers and interested in learning more. We strive to use cutting edge technology and are always looking to further our program in this area.
- **Musical ability**
This is an extra but we really, really, really, would love another person on our team who can sing and play guitar with us! We would be elated to discover an educator with song-leading experience.



- **Creative, out-of-the-box thinker**
Really. This isn't something we are just saying. We strive for the Steve Jobs / Apple computer model – by creating things that people didn't even know were possible to ask for.
- **Outdoor savvy**
You will be leading outdoor trips. Our community loves hiking, skiing, biking, camping and so on. We spend lots of time outdoors. You will need to pass Wilderness First Responder and keep the certification current, but do not need to be certified to apply.
- **Theologically consistent**
Your theological beliefs should align with the ideas set forth in Rabbi Korngold's book, *The God Upgrade*. You do not have to believe exactly what Rabbi Korngold believes, but if your theology is contrary to hers, this position will not be a good fit.
- **Self-Starter**
Rabbi Korngold's supervisory style invests a great deal of trust in her staff. The expectation is that when you are given a project, you will be given guidance and support, but that you will be the primary mover and shaker to bring it to fruition.
- **Solid writing skills**
You should be a very good writer with a voice that is polite and clear.
- **Confident demeanor**
You should exude and express confidence but not arrogance or self-absorption.
- **Organized**
You will be keeping your own schedule, files and records and will also be submitting billing requests for your teaching time.
- **Professional**
We are known for making learning fun but we are a professional organization with all the behaviors that go along with that.

**Salary:**

Competitive salary in the non-profit marketplace plus health insurance. We will also pay for your Wilderness First Responder course if you are not currently certified.

Terms:

The initial contract will be for 1-year and may be renewed indefinitely.



Program Background:

The Adventure Rabbi Program has been nationally recognized for our innovative approach to Judaism. We combine thoughtful programming, compelling theology, vibrant teaching, and technology to reach around the globe as we pioneer new models of synagogue engagement.

The Adventure Rabbi Program, based in Boulder, Colorado, was founded by Rabbi Jamie Korngold in 2001 and has since expanded to include a distance learning program and a base in Lake Tahoe, California. Adding to our reach, Rabbi Korngold is the author of eleven books with over 400,000 copies in circulation.

Rabbi Korngold's abilities are enhanced by the talents of our Director of Education, Elaine Barenblat. Elaine runs our B'nai Mitzvah Distance Learning Program, directs Adventure Rabbi Kids (our alternative religious school) and tutors many of our Hebrew students online and in person. Rabbi Evon Yakar, another vibrant team member, runs our base in Lake Tahoe, California. Elaine and Rabbi Evon have taken Rabbi Korngold's concepts and furthered them, as they crystalize them into activities and learning experiences.

Why this is a Great Place to Work:

We work here because we love what we do and we believe in our mission. Working at the Adventure Rabbi Program enables us – perhaps forces us!-- to be rigorously creative. While our colleagues are sitting in committee meetings brainstorming new ideas, we are already in the classroom, online, or on the trail putting ideas into action.

This organization is nimble and maneuverable. We come up with a new idea and readily turn it into action.

True, our budget is small. But it is stable and sustainable. We are not asked to work endless hours. We are not asked to sit in a plethora of committee meetings.

We like our team. We trust one another. We rely on one another. We actively support, encourage, and appreciate one another.

Most importantly, every day we make a real impact on the families with whom we work. We are able to work directly with the students and this fills our days with I-Thou encounters. Dayenu.

Application:

To apply send your CV and letter of interest to jamie@adventurerabbi.org