



Director, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

Position Summary: This is a fulltime position to serve as our community's Jewish Community Relations Council Director, leading a renewed effort to combat antisemitism, strengthen civic and interfaith relationships, to advance local, state, regional and national public policy priorities, and to protect Jewish life in public schools, colleges and universities, civic institutions and in all public discourse throughout Greater Fairfield County.

The Director will become the go to connection and resource in our Federation for public officials, leaders in our public schools and colleges and universities, for our Jewish organizational partners, for civic and interfaith partners, the media and more, on issues of major concern to our communities

Reporting to: The Chief Executive Officer, the Director will work closely with the entire Federation team as needed, the Federation's Board Chair and members, Federation Colleagues, the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT), grass roots organizations and a newly formed JCRC steering committee.

Major responsibilities & Duties: Will include but not be limited to the following:

- ❖ Crafting and implementing the JCRC annual business plan and Case for Investment, that will include detailed strategic priorities, workplans as needed, and metrics and analytics to measure progress and success.
- ❖ The Director will identify and prioritize a specific public affairs and legislative strategy in consultation with the Federation team and other key community relations stakeholders
- ❖ Identify, Cultivate and Strengthen key relationships in our Civic, Faith Based, education, government, nonprofit, and the larger Fairfield County community.
- ❖ Provide specific engagement opportunities to meet, get to know and to establish avenues for communication on our shared agenda.
- ❖ Become and serve as our community's expert resource on the responsibilities listed herein and be one of our key stakeholders who will represent our Federation's views on key subject matters and issues, in person and publicly.
- ❖ Working with our Communications Manager and additional Federation staff and community leaders, craft and develop key collaterals, testimony statements, public statements in reaction to community events needed to engage the community in our JCRC work.
- ❖ Through the Director's leadership and connections, create a collective voice for our Jewish community around the issues of civil discourse, social justice, countering antisemitism and the increasing hate directed at our community.
- ❖ Design and execute specific Jewish cultural awareness and anti-bias training.
- ❖ Work closely with our in-house SCN team to coordinate and address together the security and safety of our larger Jewish and general community.
- ❖ Integrate into our JCRC work, the work of our Holocaust Resource Center as needed.

Experience Preferred:

- ❖ Bachelor's degree Required, advanced degree a plus.
- ❖ A minimum of 2-4 years of experience in Jewish Communal service, community relations work in either the Jewish community or in the larger Fairfield County non-profit space.
- ❖ Experience in public affairs, education leadership, or related disciplines preferred.
- ❖ Demonstrated ability to navigate challenging political and communal environs, with understanding, compassion, diplomacy, discretion and at times finesse.
- ❖ Strong understanding and knowledge of modern antisemitism, anti-Zionism, the larger Israel debate and discourse, a strong understanding of Jewish history in modernity.
- ❖ Exceptional speaking and writing skills are a must.
- ❖ Strong project management and people management skills are critical.
- ❖ Have a commitment to Jewish values and the values and mission of our Federation is key.

Compensation:

- ❖ Salary Range: \$85,000-\$100,000
- ❖ Benefits:
 - Leave early for Shabbat
 - Paid Holidays
 - Paid Vacation
 - Sick Days

To apply: Send cover letter and resume to: Priscilla@shalomct.org