Position Available: Rabbi, Keneseth Israel Congregation (Louisville, KY)

Background

Keneseth Israel's roots go back to 1882; founded in Orthodoxy, we have evolved into a fully egalitarian Conservative shul. This evolution has allowed us to keep Judaism's traditions intact while recognizing the needs of our membership as we look toward the 59th Jewish Century. We pride ourselves on being welcoming and spiritually fulfilling, as stated by our motto: "Big Enough to Enrich You; Small Enough to Know You." Our vibrant Klei Kodesh partner with our dedicated member-volunteers to keep KI strong. The mission of KI is to provide a welcoming and engaging community that helps its members participate fully and joyfully in religious, educational, and social activities within a Conservative Jewish framework that is inclusive of all members. We currently have 234 member families, a 125-student preschool, and a community Hebrew school.

Position

Our current rabbi, who has been here for eight years, grew up in a very traditional, large Jewish community in New York. He met his wife in Louisville; they now have two young children and have decided to relocate to a larger Jewish community with a Jewish day school, which more closely mirrors the community in which he was raised. In addition to leading religious services, our top priorities for our new rabbi include building authentic, meaningful relationships with congregants and prospective congregants; counseling congregants during lifecycle events and supporting congregants pastorally; and building connections within the Jewish community and the general Louisville community, which embraces interfaith interactions and prides itself as a City of Compassion. The rabbi will be working with a Cantor who has been at KI for 10 years, an Executive Director who has been at KI for 6 years, and a supportive Board of Directors.

Serving as the rabbi of KI provides one the opportunity to make a significant impact in a congregation and the local Jewish community at large. Keneseth Israel has a dedicated membership that is open to innovation and supportive of our leadership. The Louisville Jewish community exhibits a high degree of intercongregational and interorganizational cooperation between five congregations plus an active Chabad, the Federation, the Vaad HaKashruth, and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (a local endowment with significant financial resources to support Jewish Louisville). The Jewish Community Center has announced its commitment to build a new facility, expecting to break ground in 2020. The city of Louisville has a lot to offer its residents. Beyond bourbon and baseball bats, Louisville has a diverse and vibrant arts community, extensive and well-maintained parks system, a well-regarded restaurant scene, and an expanding stable of sporting events.

The position begins on July 1, 2020. We are accepting interim rabbi applications as well.

Salary and Benefits

Depending on experience, the salary range is $90,000 - $150,000. Additional benefits include full health, dental, and vision insurance; convention/continuing education allowance; professional dues payment; vacation; FICA reimbursement; additional parsonage allowance; and full relocation reimbursement. Full salary plus benefits package range is approximately: $130,000 - $190,000.

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