



## Shamash Residency FAQ

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the JCC East Bay's Shamash Residency. This is a unique opportunity for a local rabbi, Jewish scholar, or Jewish educator to work with the JCC community. During the 3-4 month intensive residency, a new rabbi or scholar will explore Jewish values, culture, and tradition with our staff, teachers, and community members.

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### **What is the JCC East Bay Shamash Residency?**

The Shamash Residency was designed to bring new and diverse perspectives on Jewish life to the JCC staff and community. By inviting a resident rabbi, scholar, or educator to teach and learn with us for an immersive 3-4 month period, we can explore various approaches to Jewish culture and tradition. Through the residency, you will work with staff to help design Jewish holiday programs, write about Jewish ideas and values, and reach a dynamic and broad community.

### **What is the time commitment?**

Residencies last for 3 to 4 months. We an average time commitment of about 10 hours per week during the residency program. We anticipate participation in staff trainings, holiday planning sessions, and programming meetings. The role will also include writing for the community.

### **What are the residency periods this year?**

March 2 – May 31 2018

June 1 – September 30 2018

### **Where will I work?**

During the residency, you will come to the JCC's main branch in Berkeley for meetings, holiday celebrations, and staff meetings and trainings. You will also visit and work with

our Oakland branches. The residency assumes that you have your own workspace and will communicate remotely when not at the JCC for a program or meeting.

### **What should I focus on in my statement of interest?**

Please include the following:

- Your interest in this role, and why you are uniquely positioned to support the JCC East Bay community
- Your related experience and how you might draw upon it
- Your philosophy in terms of teaching and sharing Jewish traditions, values and culture.

### **Can I serve if I don't reside in the Bay Area?**

At this time, we are unable to provide travel or housing. We welcome statements of interest if you are not local but plan to be in the Bay Area during the residency period.

### **What is the JCC East Bay?**

The Jewish Community Center of the East Bay is a welcoming home for people of all ages and life stages. Our mission is to create healthy communities inspired by Jewish values, culture, and tradition. We build relationships, foster learning and inspiration, offer opportunities for civic engagement, and explore Jewish life. The JCC's core programs include holiday celebrations; early childhood education; camp and afterschool programs in four locations in Berkeley and Oakland; and provocative cultural arts events, concerts, and lectures. The JCC serves and reflects the diverse residents of the East Bay, offering gathering spaces for the Jewish and broader community.