

RABBI'S BRIEF

SENIOR RABBI – AUCKLAND HEBREW CONGREGATION

Reporting to: Chair of the AHC Board of Management or designated board member

Direct Reports: Assistant Rabbi, Shlichim

Date Created: December 2021

Location: Auckland New Zealand

Purpose of the Position

The Senior Rabbi will serve as the spiritual and moral leader of the Auckland Hebrew Congregation. The Senior Rabbi is expected to bring his own ideas, experiences, skills, knowledge, philosophy and personality to our congregation whilst working in close collaboration with the pastoral team, professionals, and lay leaders to help achieve our Vision.

Key Functional Relationships

Internal: Manages with and works alongside Assistant Rabbi, Shlichim. Liaison with Kosher Kiwi administration

Kadimah School, Bnei Akiva, the Community Manager, AHC staff, the Chevra Kadisha

External: Wellington Jewish Community Centre
Sydney Beth Din
The Australasian Union of Orthodox Rabbis

Shalom Court

'Senior Outreach' service

Chabad

Beth Shalom (Progressive congregation)

New Zealand Jewish Council - Media

Diverse religious/interfaith leaders

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- Helping to **grow the community via genuine engagement** with current and prospective members
- Share a **key role in developing and executing**, with the AHC Board, the **strategy and vision for the community relocation**
- Meaningful **congregational religious leadership**
- Providing **pastoral care and spiritual guidance for members**
- Leadership of the full range of **members' life cycle events**
- Leadership in **Kashrut and Halacha, providing guidance on Jewish observance** relevant to our community
- Development and leadership of **communal learning/educational programmes**
- Lead the planning and successful execution of all **Chagim, religious celebrations, minyanim and Shabbat Services**
- Supporting participants in **Conversion programme**
- Working closely with the **Chevra Kadisha on member burial and supporting the bereaved**
- Prepare and **deliver meaningful Divrei Torah, sermons and educational lectures**
- Representing the community at **public/civic events**

Essential Skills:

- Smicha recognised by The Office of the Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth
- Desire and ability to help build, unite and grow community in line with the AHC community vision and relocation
- Willingness and ability to engage with members and prospective members of the community - particularly those who may feel disconnected
- Experience and competency in running all religious and life cycle services
- Proven ability to lead, nurture and work alongside direct reports
- Enthusiasm and aptitude for youth and senior engagement
- Ability to relate warmly with community members who have married out and their spouses
- A positive attitude to conversion and the ability to facilitate it
- An engaging Shaliach Tzibur with pleasant singing voice
- Excellent command of the English language and proven track record in imparting information across a wide variety of platforms in a meaningful, engaging way
- Secular tertiary education/degree preferred
- Ability to function productively without access to facilities or 'yiddishkeit' found in bigger Jewish communities e.g. kosher restaurants

Personal Attributes

The ideal appointee should be able to demonstrate:

- Capability and enthusiasm to lead a diverse community
- A high degree of empathy and emotional intelligence
- High ethics and strong morals
- Strong social skills
- Resilience and ability to cope with change
- Warmth and humanity

- High energy
- A sense of humour

Rabbi's Package

The package provided for the Rabbi and family includes,

- A salary (cash) component.
- Vehicle including running costs and fuel.
- Family home including payment of utility costs.
- Suitable medical insurance to cover costs not met by the public system.
- Payment of school fees for children attending our Jewish School.
- Assistance to get the family and household to Auckland, New Zealand.