

Full-Time Rabbi-Sephardic Bikur Holim-Seattle, WA

Job Description:

Sephardic Bikur Holim (SBH) is a strong and vibrant Orthodox synagogue in Seattle, WA, and an international beacon of Sephardic Ladino-Turkish tradition. SBH serves nearly 300 member families from diverse levels of religious observance from across the Pacific Northwest.

Our tefillah services, featuring unique liturgy conducted by our Hazan and facilitated by our Gabai, intentionally involve learned lay members. SBH utilizes a custom siddur that reflects our community's distinct traditions.

We take pride in our lay membership's roles in Seattle's vibrant Orthodox day and high schools, and other Jewish communal institutions, each guided by young, professional leadership.

SBH seeks a dynamic and passionate Rabbi to lead our congregation into the future while continuing our rich traditions. Our new Rabbi will inspire, educate, and foster a welcoming community for all members, from our youngest children to our most senior congregants.

Primary Responsibilities:

Religious Leadership and Halachic Authority

- Set and uphold religious standards for SBH, including a deep understanding of Sephardic halacha, hashkafa, and religious direction in contemporary issues.
- Attend daily minyan, serve as halachic authority, and provide guidance to congregants.
- Guide the community and individuals through lifecycle events with wisdom and compassion.
- Serve on the Vaad HaRabanim of Greater Seattle.

Education and Inspiration

- Engage members with all levels of observance, engage in both in-reach and outreach.
- Teach and inspire men, women and children of all backgrounds.
- Guide and participate in youth educational programs and activities, including young adult education.
- Ensure the perpetuation and transmission of our Ladino, Turkish customs and Hazzanut.
- Promote a strong connection to the State of Israel.

Relationship Building

- Foster an inclusive community consistent with the historic Sephardic model.
- Encourage portals of engagement for geographically diverse members.
- Utilize technology and social media to communicate effectively.
- Provide pastoral support during life cycle events (births, bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, illnesses, deaths, and meldados).
- Represent SBH in the broader Seattle Jewish Community and across the world.

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Management and Accountability

- Possess strong leadership and management skills.
- Work well with others, fostering a collaborative and professional environment.
- Develop and maintain a strong and active partnership with the SBH Board of Directors.
- Collaborate with the board and fundraising committees, to develop and implement effective fundraising strategies.

About Us: Sephardic Bikur Holim is a proud Sephardic-Orthodox Jewish congregation with deep roots and a distinct cultural heritage. Established over 100 years ago by Levantine Jews from western Turkey, we are known for our joyous and lively approach to Jewish life, our rich traditions, and our acceptance of diverse levels of observance. Located in Seattle's beautiful Seward Park neighborhood, known for its stunning lake and mountain views, our synagogue is a cultural landmark.

As we approach our twelfth decade, we seek new leadership to help us create meaningful Jewish experiences and ensure our community's sustainability.

If you are a passionate and dynamic leader ready to guide SBH into the future while honoring our traditions, we invite you to apply for the Rabbi position at Sephardic Bikur Holim.

Apply: SBH is conducting its rabbi search in collaboration with Yeshiva University and Jewish Careers Rabbimics. Applicants are invited to apply by creating an account at <https://jcareersrabbimics.org/>.