



Canada Summer Jobs Employment Opportunity

Job Title: Community Worker (Contract Position)

Deadline: Friday May 2 at 5 pm

Under the Canada Summer Jobs guidelines, this opportunity is for people who are aged 15 to 30 years (inclusive) at the start of employment. Candidate must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or a person upon whom refugee protection has been conferred, and who is legally entitled to work in Ontario. This position is being funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program, a component of the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy.

About Beth Israel Congregation

Beth Israel Congregation exists to serve the spiritual and cultural needs of the Jewish population of Peterborough and its environs, to be a Jewish presence in this largely rural region. We provide a place of worship open to all those who subscribe to the Jewish faith and a meeting place for expression of Jewish cultural life. The Congregation is egalitarian, motivated by a spectrum of community interests and spiritual aspirations. We are welcoming of all genders, cultures, races, abilities, neurotypes, sexual orientations, political beliefs, faiths, and income levels.

Beth Israel is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We will be prioritizing applications from youth who self-identify as being part of groups which are underrepresented or have additional barriers to the labour market, including, but not limited to: indigenous people, people with disabilities, new Canadians, people of colour, and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community.

Depending on the interests and abilities of the person hired, this job will include the following tasks and responsibilities

Re: programs and support to children:

- Research best practices and successes of sustainable children's programming at smaller Canadian Jewish communities, including financial aspects (to what extent are programs underwritten by the community, and to what extent are they funded by families/users)
- Survey families (connect in person or by phone) to assess their needs and capacity (financial and time) to be involved in children's programming. Author and present a sustainable plan for children's programming in our community
- Support the organization and rollout of 2 summer family-oriented events and one community all-ages field trip
- Liaise with parents and youth to plan for teenager events and gatherings for 2025-26, potentially to the new local Canoe Museum (see Events/Tourism, below)
- Catalogue and promote use of children's books in Beth Israel LibraryWork with partners and BIC staff to ensure the community and tourism events below are child and youth friendly

Re: community events, and build relationships across cultures:

Research and develop 1-3 community events in 2025-26, including one musical event and one event in partnership with the Unitarian Fellowship, including:

- Research potential options and communicate with potential partners
- Consider and book an appropriate date(s)
- Establish ticket price and ticketing system, and
- Draft communications for the event

The community worker would also support events development by researching and leading the development of a city-wide Chanukah candle-lighting event by:

- Researching practises of other Ontario communities (large and small)
- Researching costs and feasibility of purchase (by the congregation and/or municipality) of an electrified Menorah for public lighting (or repair of the wooden one we have and outfit it with safe lights), including researching security
- Liaising with Peterborough City staff to establish a date, protocols and personnel for a public community Chanukah candle lighting.

In further support of these and other community events, the Community Worker would also:

- Work with community members who drive and would like to offer rides and those in need of rides (especially Elders, students, and the under-waged) to develop a rideshare network to support participation in community events

Re: local and regional tourism development

- Research and establish the feasibility of developing and holding Peterborough Jewish History tours, including canvassing interest from Kawarthas and Haliburton cottagers.
- Research repatriation of information collected from the Peterborough community by Canadian Jewish Archives around 2001 (now residing in Montreal), accessible to visitors via QR code.

In addition to the above, as physically able, the Community Worker will:

Re: building / maintenance:

- Supervising minor building maintenance including gardening, mulching, painting and cleaning.

Support the Communications Officer by:

- Finding and preparing images for newsletter, website, etc. including headers...
- Researching and supporting the roll out of a new format for the organizational newsletter
- Digitizing 1964 memory book and captions for future comms use
- Supporting the re-development of the organizational website
- Supporting training for Board and Committee members in use of Google Docs, including uploading key documents.
- Collecting and organizing images (photographs, etc) held by community members.
- Creating a digital version of the community yahrzeit (memorial) board so we can light the board of community members at the anniversary of their passing
- Administrative & communications support, including re: congregational memberships lists and contact information held, and re: e-News distribution format

- Help streamline the phone tree process
- Train community members in use of Google docs

Qualifications

- Ability to take initiative, plan and organize projects
- Good writing and communication skills
- Good judgment and flexibility
- Ability to work effectively independently, as well as in a team
- Education or experience in related fields an asset
- Proficiency with Google Workspace and email and web software an asset
- Knowledge of Judaism and the Peterborough community an asset

Hours

30 hours per week, over 9 weeks.

Start Date: May 12 – mid June (Flexible)

End Date: Depends on start date: candidate must work full 9 week contract

Rate of Pay

\$18.20 per hour

Location

775 Weller Street, Peterborough

To Apply

Please forward your resume or CV and cover letter expressing your interest in the job, and names and contact information of two (2) references to: bethisrael@jccpeterborough.com. For the subject line please use "Community Worker Application: Your Name", entering your name in the applicable spot.

Contact Info

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Notification While we appreciate all applications, only those selected for an interview will receive a response to the application.