Heilicher Middle School Jewish Studies and Hebrew Language 2021-2022
Job Description, Duties and Responsibilities, and Expectations

The Amos and Celia Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School is seeking a Jewish Studies and Hebrew Language teacher for a .45 FTE equivalent Middle School position for the 2021-2022 academic year. Heilicher is a K-8 community Jewish Day School open to all families seeking an excellent secular and Jewish education for their children.

The ideal candidate will be a creative, engaging educator with expertise in a broad range of Jewish Studies knowledge and Hebrew language skills. He/she should have a record of creating strong relationships with students and be comfortable teaching in a pluralistic environment that emphasizes Jewish identity development and experiential education techniques.

This position reports directly to the Director of Jewish Living and Learning. Heilicher teachers are expected to be collaborative team players, innovative thinkers, cheerleaders for one another and the school, and agents of academic innovation. They are expected to model professional practices and support the mission of the school within the context of a pluralistic, inclusive Jewish community.

Duties and Responsibilities

Teaching responsibilities include:

- Teaching Hebrew Language, Bible/Rabbinic Literature, Holidays and Customs, Prayers, and Israel
- Maintain an organized classroom infrastructure and provide an orderly, productive learning environment
- Provide accommodations and modifications to support the success of all students
- Continually assess student progress toward mastery of standards and keep students and parents well informed of student progress by collecting and tracking data
- Understand and enjoy the academic, social and behavioral characteristics of middle school students and can create a respectful learning environment including setting and maintaining appropriate standards of student behavior
- Work cooperatively with other teachers in creating and implementing units and lessons
- Demonstrate excellent verbal and written communications skills in both Hebrew and English
- Operate as an advocate for, and supporter of, inquiry and problem-based learning
- Foster student engagement in activities that incorporate different elements of STEAM

Professional Expectations:

- Uphold and incorporate Heilicher school mission and core values
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Be comfortable working with a variety of technology and computer applications including but not limited to Smartboard technology, iPads, Chromebooks, learning management systems, video conferencing, Google Suite, and Flipgrid
- Act as a steward of the school in the larger community
- Work collaboratively with colleagues to continually evaluate and improve mastery of instructional, culture-building, and leadership skills.
- Establish and maintain a positive sense of community amongst the faculty

- Participate in school-wide professional development, and seek continual feedback and coaching to develop as a teacher
- Attend all faculty and team meetings
- Adhere to school curricular initiatives
- Write a bi-monthly newsletter to parents
- Attend two parent-teacher conferences and write two sets of report cards
- Maintain proper health and safety guidelines on school campus and during school hours

Requirements:

- Teaching certificate, BA in Jewish Studies, MA in Jewish Education preferred
- Successful experience teaching courses in Hebrew and Jewish Studies.
- Experience and/or training in Legacy Heritage Standards and Benchmarks program, Hadar Standards for Fluency in JewishText & Practice, differentiated instruction, technology integration, and working with students with diverse learning needs preferred.

This teaching position is 10 months (Late August-early June). To apply, please submit a resume and cover Letter to Dr. David Ackerman, Director of Jewish Living and Learning, at dackerman@hmjds.org.