



Southern Sydney Synagogue

Incorporating Illawarra & Bankstown Synagogues and South Coast Hebrew Congregation

Rabbi or Spiritual Leader

(Part time position – initial 12 month contract)

Southern Sydney Synagogue is a lively, heimish, Modern Orthodox community with a welcoming, energetic congregation. It is situated in Sydney's southern suburbs close to Hurstville. Candidates must be supportive of the culture of our community and be prepared to support the vision of the Board of Directors, although the successful candidate will have the opportunity to input their own ideas and vision.

The role will be to conduct all religious services on Shabbat and the various festivals. The successful candidate will be required to conduct all religious services on Shabbat and the various festivals. Other duties include delivering sermons, conducting funerals, assisting with social and educational activities from time to time and engage with the congregation outside of religious services. It is expected that the role will require 15 to 18 hours per week although this can be negotiated depending upon the needs of the successful candidate.

Whilst we do have a residence close to the synagogue suitable for a family, other accommodation options can be considered. We would also consider a candidate who prefers to live outside the area with suitable arrangements for Shabbat. It is anticipated that the Rabbi would occasionally host members of the congregation for Shabbat or other meals to build robust connections and provide a genuine Jewish experience.

Skills & Experience

- Ideally have Smicha or similar level of Jewish knowledge.
- Experience in leading/participating in Shule life and in developing, implementing, and delivering educational/social programs.
- The ability to lead prayer services, leyn, and officiate at life cycle events.
- High level of interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills. Familiarity with Social Media desirable.
- The ability to connect with people across the age, knowledge and observance spectrum.
- Flexibility in approach to religious services to develop engagement of all the congregation.

For more information or to apply for the position

Please email Dr George Foster at info@southernsydneysynagogue.org or call 02 95875643 to leave a message which will be promptly answered.

Submissions to be received by 11 April