



Position Title: Rabbinic Organizer
Reports to: Vice President of the J Street Education Fund
Start Date: September 2011
Location: J Street National Office, Washington, DC

Organization

J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans. The organization gives political voice to mainstream American Jews and other supporters of Israel who, informed by their progressive and Jewish values, believe that a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to Israel's survival as the national home of the Jewish people and as a vibrant democracy. J Street's mission is two-fold: first, to advocate for urgent American diplomatic leadership to achieve a two-state solution and a broader regional, comprehensive peace and, second, to ensure a broad debate on Israel and the Middle East in national politics and the American Jewish community.

J Street represents Americans, primarily but not exclusively Jewish, who support Israel and its desire for security as the Jewish homeland, as well as the right of the Palestinians to a sovereign state of their own – two states living side-by-side in peace and security. We believe ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is in the best interests of Israel, the United States, the Palestinians, and the region as a whole.

J Street supports diplomatic solutions over military ones, including in Iran; multilateral over unilateral approaches to conflict resolution; and dialogue over confrontation with a wide range of countries and actors when conflicts do arise. For more on our policy positions, visit: www.jstreet.org/issues.

J Street advocates forcefully in the policy process, in Congress, in the media, and in the Jewish community to make sure public officials and community leaders clearly see the depth and breadth of support for our views on Middle East policy among voters and supporters in their states and districts. We seek to complement the work of existing organizations and individuals that share our agenda. In our lobbying and advocacy efforts, we enlist individual supporters of other efforts as partners.

The J Street family of organizations includes J Street – a 501(c)(4) non-profit which is responsible for lobbying and advocacy; JStreetPAC – a federal political action

committee that endorses and raises money for federal candidates who support active American leadership to bring peace and security to Israel and the Middle East; and the J Street Education Fund – a 501(c)(3) that aims to educate communities about the need for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and promote open, dynamic and spirited conversation about how to best advance the interests and future of a democratic, Jewish Israel. J Street Local, J Street’s national field program and J Street U, J Street’s campus movement are programs of the J Street Education Fund.

Position

J Street has a Rabbinic Cabinet of more than 650 rabbis, cantors and seminary students. Rabbinic leadership is vital to J Street’s advocacy work. Rabbis help on a local and national level to shape J Street policy, communicate J Street’s message publicly, lead rabbinic actions, organize events, and expand our rabbinic community, as well as serve as validators for the pro-Israel pro-peace movement.

J Street is seeking a rabbinic organizer to build and cultivate rabbinic leadership within the pro-Israel pro-peace movement. The rabbinic organizer will work with the JSEF Vice President, J Street’s rabbinic leaders and J Street’s field team to develop and implement a strategy for rabbinic outreach and organizing within J Street’s strategic framework.

Responsibilities include:

Helping to shape and drive a vision for rabbinic engagement and activism and layout a plan based on:

- Empowering rabbis as leaders of the pro-Israel pro-peace movement
- Developing and cultivating relationships with rabbis affiliated with J Street
- Developing opportunities to engage rabbis and cantors in J Street’s work, including advocacy
- Connecting rabbis to their Locals
- Working with rabbinic leadership to develop J Street rabbinic letters, opinion pieces, and other written materials
- Working with J Street Regional Directors to identify, recruit and mobilize local rabbinic supporters
- Recruiting rabbis to J Street’s Rabbinic Cabinet
- Organizing informational briefings for J Street-affiliated rabbis
- Developing or adapting educational and programming materials for rabbis
- Working with the J Street communications team to develop effective messaging and communications materials for rabbis and cantors

Desired skills and characteristics

The ideal candidate will be a highly motivated self-starter comfortable working with multiple staff and on his or her own, and will possess the following skills and attributes:

- Experience working with rabbis or in the organized Jewish community

- Experience with community organizing
- Very well organized
- An ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Strong writing skills
- Experience with public speaking
- A strong commitment to J Street's mission
- A solid understanding of the Arab-Israeli and Palestinian Israeli conflicts
- Familiarity with Jewish text and liturgy
- Proficient in Word, Excel and Powerpoint
- Experience with data bases
- Rabbinic ordination preferred, but not required

J Street offers a generous benefits and vacation package. Salary commensurate with experience. Job inquiries and resumes can be sent to resumes@jstreet.org. Please put the position title in the subject line.