

Job description

Job title	Pastoral Volunteer
Hours	Reasonable hours during Jewish festivals
Salary	Unpaid, voluntary role
Service setting	Across Jami localities and home based

Organisation

Jami is a mental health charity that enriches and saves lives impacted by mental illness and distress in the Jewish community.

Since the start of the pandemic, demand for our services has grown exponentially. In 2021 we undertook a thorough review of the needs of the community, to develop a new strategy that will secure the Jewish community's mental health provision. The new strategy sets out a huge agenda for change in scale and provision, which will be developed over the next five years while we continue to run our diverse set of highly professional mental health services:

- Advice and advocacy
- Treatment and support
- Education and campaigning

Jami currently supports over 1,400 individuals, delivering almost 50,000 separate service interactions each year, and reaches thousands more people through education, seminars, work in schools and other organisations. Through our social enterprise community café, Head Room, we raise mental health awareness while delivering mental health support on the high street.

Job purpose

We are looking for a pastoral volunteer to lead our religious services during the Jewish festivals including Passover, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Chanukah, and possibly other holidays. Occasionally we do services earlier or just after the respective holiday dates due to religious commitments by staff, volunteers, and members. Jami has traditionally used our Finchley Centre for those who would like to celebrate but are not members of a synagogue or prefer to be amongst other Jami members at such a time. The services that are run are traditionally a mix of Hebrew and English so we can cater for everyone from the religious to the reform.

Sometimes we do abbreviated versions due to the nature of people attending Jami and their respective concentration levels. The aim of the role would be to deliver an

engaging, fun but traditional service, so every member feels they've been part of something unique and inclusive of the wider Jewish community who unite during such occasions.

In this role you will be the lead presenter for our respective religious holiday ceremonies. This will be in collaboration with staff and volunteer support.

The Person

For this role you will need to:

- Have an interest in and awareness of mental health
- Facilitation experience
- Strong presenting skills
- Deep knowledge of all the Jewish Festivals
- A good grasp of reading Hebrew
- Create a positive and supporting environment
- Listening, communication and organisational skills
- Be reliable, trustworthy, and honest
- Have a caring and non-judgemental approach
- Be flexible
- Able to represent Jami's values and lead through example
- Ability to develop and deliver content for the group
- Engage with training, support, and supervision when necessary
- Ability to get to Jami Finchley Centre without complication during festival times

We can offer you

- Full and ongoing training
- Induction
- Ongoing support, reviews, and supervision
- Networking and social events
- Annual reflection

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- DBS check
- Two satisfactory references
- For you to attend occasional supervision and reflective practice
- Minimum Twelve-month commitment to help when is reasonably possible to present Jewish festival services during the Jewish Holidays.

We welcome Jewish volunteers from across the full spectrum of the community to apply.

Disclosure of criminal background

All employees are checked with the Disclosure Barring Service

If it is a requirement of the post that an enhanced check is undertaken, successful applicants will be asked to complete and sign a Disclosure Form giving permission for the screening to take place.

Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working with Jami. This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances and background of offences.

Please note applicants refusing to sign the form will not be progressed further.

Equality and diversity

Jami are proud to be an equal opportunity workplace. We recognise and promote, the positive value of diversity, equality and challenge discrimination. We welcome and encourage job applications from people of all backgrounds.

Confidentiality

All information relating to service users, volunteers and staff gained through your employment with Jami is confidential. Any disclosure to any unauthorized person is a serious disciplinary offence.

To apply for the role, please email Hannah.rosenberg@jamiuk.org.