



Jewish Teaching Jobs at [Kavana](#) (Part-time)

What we need

Reporting to and working with the Director of Education, the **Kavana Teacher (KT)** position provides instruction, supervision, leadership and coordination in [Kavana's Youth and Family programs](#). Using Judaism as the lens, KTs foster and maintain learning communities of belonging, exploration, joy and fun. Depending on the program, KTs work with participants from Kindergarten through parenthood. Kavana is seeking KTs who can work one or more programs - which vary from weekly to monthly sessions.

Who we are

The [Kavana Cooperative](#) is a pluralistic, non-denominational Jewish community non-profit in Seattle. Kavana's purpose is "to empower each community member to create a meaningful Jewish life, develop positive identity, and receive support on their journey."

This position might be a good fit if -

- you love working with kids – and are responsible, patient, and enthusiastic (maybe you were once a camp counselor, and loved it?!)
- you value creating a positive environment where Jewish kids of all backgrounds feel welcome
- you feel comfortable teaching Judaic content and/or Hebrew language
- you are open to collaborating with an awesome team of educators, trying new approaches, reflecting on best practices and striving to improve
- afternoons and weekends work well for you

What it's all about (aka Job Details)

Moadon Yeladim "Kids Club" - Weekly

- Mondays, 3:45pm-5:45pm (Queen Anne)
- Tuesdays, 3:45pm-5:45pm (Queen Anne)
- Thursdays, 3:45pm - 5:45pm (South Seattle)
- Moadon Yeladim students are in elementary school (grades K-5), and participate in this program once a week (Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday). Kavana provides a warm after-school setting for this "fun educational" program. Our Moadon curriculum centers on three areas: a) oral Hebrew language exposure, b) Judaic content – studying key figures from Jewish history for exposure to a range of Judaic subjects, and c) basic Hebrew reading skills. Teachers work collaboratively and help bring the learning to life through songs, games, hands-on activities, and more!

Middle School Program - Weekly

- Tuesdays evenings, 6pm-8pm (Queen Anne)
- In this weekly program, youth are provided opportunities to grow as individuals, exploring their Jewish identity as they study core Jewish texts and key periods of Jewish history.

Havdalah Club - Monthly

- One Saturday a month, from 5pm-7pm, a group of 3rd-5th graders are gathered to enjoy a pizza dinner and study ethics and values through Jewish texts, activities, debate and fun. A short Havdalah ceremony ends Shabbat and the evening. Location varies month to month and is often hosted at a participant's home.

Prep & Practice

- One Sunday a month, from 10am-12pm, youth and their families gather to learn about an upcoming Jewish holiday. Stories, songs, food and books round out this family-oriented program. Location varies month to month and is often outside.

High School Program

- Totaling 15 sessions, and held approximately 1-2 times a month on Sunday evenings from 5:30pm-7:30pm
- This program emerges post B'nai Mitzvah teens into the world of youth leadership and community exploration. From contemporary issues such as democracy and racial justice to historical Judaic themes - there is no "off-limits" to what may be studied. Programming will take place in Queen Anne and at a variety of off-site locations.

Timing & Compensation

KTs are paid \$25+/hour (depending on experience). In general, programs run two hours in length, plus one to two additional hours for preparation and breakdown. KT's hold planning responsibilities for their classes outside of the provided curricular content. Please let us know if transportation is an issue and accommodations will be negotiated.

Many of our educators are university students and/or young adults with an interest in education, Jewish professional careers, and/or related fields.

Kavana staff will provide curricular and teaching support. KT's are expected to attend an annual training (which will include paid certification in CPR and first aid) and quarterly team meetings - all of which will be paid hours. Target start date is early to mid October.

Next Steps

If you are interested in applying, or if you have someone to recommend to us, please contact our Director of Education, Rachel Osias at rachel.o@kavana.org.