



Job Title	Student Chaplain (16 hours/week)
Reporting To	Director of Youth and Young Adults
Salary	FTE salary based on Rabbinic pay scale
Based At	This is a travelling role, but a base at a Birmingham office will be provided
Works Closely With	Director of Youth, Movement Workers, Membership Manager

Summary of Post

The Student Chaplain will enable a member of the Progressive clergy to work with and support Jewish university students and build the presence and vibrancy of Progressive Jewish life on campuses throughout the country. Building excellent relationships, they will develop and nurture students to become leaders within their peer networks and within the wider Progressive Jewish world.

Key Responsibilities

- Build relationships with Progressive Jewish students on campus encouraging them to participate in Progressive Jewish student activities.
- Provide Progressive, and other, Jewish university students the opportunities for Jewish learning and experiences that will give them spiritual resources in this transition period into adulthood.
- Provide pastoral support and mentoring for Progressive Jewish students.
- Ensure that young Jews from Progressive Jewish backgrounds are equipped during their time at university with the leadership skills to organise and take responsibility for their Jewish life as adults.
- Serve as a rabbinic role model to Progressive Jewish students, encouraging them to explore forms of Jewish leadership, including rabbinic.
- Create online content for Progressive Jewish students designed to increase their knowledge and understanding of Judaism.
- Provide regular *tefillah* opportunities, particularly during *Shabbatot*, for Progressive Jewish students, including the development and facilitation of residential student weekends, as well as providing training for students in how to facilitate their own services and study sessions, so that both *tefillah* and study can take place independently of the Chaplain being present.
- Facilitate education sessions on campuses and provide support with challenges that may arise around Israel.



- Offer support for LJY-Netzer participants on Shnat.
- Enable a diversity of Jewish culture and religious practice on university campuses, with Progressive Chaplaincy being recognised by key stakeholders, including UJS and JSocs. This will include attending Union of Jewish Student and JSoc events in the capacity of Progressive Chaplain.
- Establish positive and constructive working relationships with the Union of Jewish Students, the United Synagogue Chaplains, Marom and relevant university authorities.
- Coordinate the work of other Progressive rabbis, thereby ensuring that the needs of Progressive Jewish students are catered for and are linked to communities where possible.
- Represent the cause of Progressive Jewish student chaplaincy work in various fora, including at CoLRaC and at Liberal Judaism events and conferences. This will include encouraging other Progressive rabbis to support student chaplaincy work where necessary.

Person Specification

The Student Chaplain will be confident at building relationships and working in partnership with others resulting in vibrant networks of young people engaged with Progressive Judaism.

Skills:

- Have a sound knowledge of Progressive Judaism, student affairs, Israel, Jewish life, texts and history.
- Experienced at supporting, motivating and empowering young people.
- Able to lead dynamic Progressive education programmes and services.
- Able to react to campus changes quickly.
- Have experience of building Jewish life outside Jewish centres.
- To have a knowledge of appropriate back-up agencies and individuals who can provide counselling and support for Jewish students, and to refer individuals to them whenever necessary.
- Fundraising experience.
- Able to draft letters, reports or other documentation.
- Ability to work effectively in a Jewish context, e.g. familiarity with common Hebrew or Yiddish vocabulary.

You must be eligible to be a member of CoLRaC to apply for this position.

This is a guide to the nature of the work required of the Student Chaplain. It is not wholly comprehensive, exhaustive or restrictive and may be reviewed with the post holder and the line manager from time to time. The post holder must be prepared to travel and work regular evenings and weekends.