



## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: Diller Teen Fellows Program Coordinator**

### **What is the program?**

The Diller Teen Fellows is an innovative program for 11th graders designed to inspire and promote leadership among Jewish youth. Sponsored by the Helen Diller Family Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, it is operated in Los Angeles by the Westside Jewish Community Center. The focuses of the program are: community service, Israel connection, Jewish learning and identity-building, and leadership training. This national program began in San Francisco 11 years ago and has since expanded to include nine North American communities paired with nine Israeli communities.

In 2010/11 Los Angeles will offer this program to its fourth cohort of teens. Twenty teen Diller Fellows in Los Angeles will be selected and paired with 20 teens Diller Fellows in Tel Aviv. The two groups will participate in a parallel curriculum which includes: a spring *'mifgash'* in Los Angeles with the Tel Aviv teens; a three-week summer seminar in Israel; three weekend Shabbatonim; and at least eight Sunday workshops.

### **What are we looking for?**

The successful candidate will have:

- Knowledge and experience guiding and facilitating Jewish teens in informal educational settings, including retreats and travel
- Ability to make personal connections with and mentor teens to develop their leadership and organizational skills
- Experience in developing and providing programming in Israel Education, Jewish identity-building and youth leadership development
- Deep understanding of Israeli culture; extensive experience living in or multiple visits to or long-term stay in Israel; understanding of Israeli geography, history and politics
- Basic familiarity with Hebrew language
- Knowledge of Los Angeles Jewish community and ability to communicate and collaborate with community professionals
- Strong organization, communication and facilitation skills to lead meetings, collaborate with agency partners, and interact with a diverse body of teens, parents, community leaders and staff

- Ability to collaborate in an international partnership and to work with and contribute to an international peer network of Diller Teen Fellow Coordinators
- Availability to work nights and weekends monthly, including travel to Israel for 3 weeks over the summer (July, 2011) and travel 1 week in the fall for the International Diller Professional Development Conference
- Minimum BA in Education, Psychology, Social Work, Jewish Studies, or related field.

### **What are the responsibilities?**

The Program Coordinator will:

- manage the marketing, recruitment, interviewing and selection process of 20 participants
- provide mentorship and guidance to the program participants and Jr. Counselors
- develop and lead scheduled workshops and retreats throughout the year
- design, co-lead and supervise, in partnership with their Israeli counterpart, seminars in Los Angeles and in Israel

Position responsibilities will also include

- ongoing curriculum development
- budget management
- active participation in Diller Teen Advisory Council meetings
- community relations, including publicity, collaboration, and working with alumni, teens and their families
- responsibility for all logistics related to workshops and retreats, Jewish service learning projects, Israel education and travel planning
- participation in and provision of support for the programs of Westside JCC and attendance at WJCC program staff meetings

### **The Details**

This is an exempt, time-limited position. Compensation and benefits package will be negotiated depending on experience.

The Diller Coordinator's employment at Westside JCC will commence on September 1, 2010. Limited paid contract hours will be available for preparatory work from June 1 to August 30, 2010.

**Please send résumé and cover letter to [info@westsidejcc.org](mailto:info@westsidejcc.org). For further information on the program visit [www.jewishla.org/diller](http://www.jewishla.org/diller).**