



CENTER FOR
SMALL TOWN
JEWISH LIFE

Rabbinical Student Internship Program, 2022/23

Are you an entrepreneurial rabbinical student interested in creating vibrant Jewish life? Are you looking for intensive mentorship from clergy who serve small-town congregations and meaningful relationships with congregants? Would you like to spend time in beautiful Maine over the coming year? If so, please apply to join the Center for Small Town Jewish Life's 2022/23 Rabbinical Student Internship Program!

This internship program offers a unique twist on the classic small-town student pulpit. Each intern works in a diverse and vibrant community large enough to support its own clergy but small enough to crave the energy and excitement for building Jewish life that rabbinical students bring. Interns receive intensive mentorship from a team of Conservative and Reform rabbis who have chosen to establish their careers in Maine's small Jewish communities, and they learn hands-on about the distinctive dynamics of small-town Jewish life. The insights and leadership strategies that fellows gain are relevant in communities of all sizes.

Working both in person and online, interns lead services, teach children and adults, and establish pastoral relationships. Interns also offer programs that serve members of Jewish communities across the state, including at Maine's colleges. These include activities related to a project that capitalizes on the intern's strengths and passions while advancing locally defined needs.

Expectations include:

- Six weekends during the 2022/23 academic year, including the weekends of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life Fall Shabbaton (Oct./Nov. 2022) and the Maine Conference for Jewish Life (June 2023). Visits will be scheduled collaboratively and will likely not occur in January.
- Modest engagement with Maine communities online throughout the year.
- Orientation sessions at this year's Maine Conference for Jewish Life (June 17–19, pandemic permitting) and occasional cohort learning sessions via Zoom.
- Check-ins with mentors before programs, and detailed constructive feedback sessions afterwards.
- Strong entrepreneurial initiative, solid rabbinic skills, flexibility, and a commitment to personal growth.

Honorarium: \$4,000 plus all reasonable travel expenses. Of greater value, interns receive ongoing one-on-one mentorship from at least two rabbis to help them develop as effective leaders and educators.

To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to jewishlife@colby.edu. Please be sure to address your specific interest in the opportunities associated with this internship. Review of applications will begin on February 28 and will include Zoom interviews with finalists.

For more information about the Center for Small Town Jewish Life at Colby College and its distinctive approach to cultivating transformational learning and vibrant Jewish community, visit jewishlife.colby.edu.

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