



KAPLEN JCC on the Palisades

Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, Taub Campus, 411 E. Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, NJ 07670

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JOB TITLE: Early Childhood Music Teacher

SUPERVISOR: Emma Brondolo, Artistic Director, JCC Thurnauer School of Music

STATUS: Part time, hourly.

If you are interested in being part of a warm and welcoming professional team focused on ensuring a place of belonging and delivering excellent opportunities to its members and the community, come join our team. The Kaplen JCC on the Palisades (Kaplen JCC) Thurnauer School of Music is seeking a professional who is passionate about teaching music to young children, enjoys being part of a musical community, and wants to grow our early childhood music program!

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The Kaplen JCC is a welcoming home away from home for all who pass through its doors in Tenafly, NJ and for the wider community. We are a leading nonprofit, charitable organization deeply rooted in Jewish values and tradition, and are a vibrant and welcoming home for the Jewish People. We are a place that welcomes all, cultivating the social, intellectual, physical, and spiritual well-being of the entire community. We are a strength-based organization and pride ourselves on our inclusive and welcoming workplace that celebrates the diversity of our employees. We stress a supportive environment in which people are treated with appreciation and respect and positioned to do their best work every day. Our vision is to be the center point of Jewish life in our community and to engage all generations in our mission and values. We serve 3,000+ membership units and over 750,000 people each year in our 200,000 square foot building and acres of outdoor grounds and facilities.

The JCC Thurnauer School of Music, an integral part of the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades in Tenafly, NJ, is a premier center for artistic and educational excellence. Since 1984, it has inspired countless students and families through exceptional instruction, concerts, master classes, and community events. Thurnauer is committed to making music accessible to all, from infants to seniors.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The JCC Thurnauer School of Music is seeking a passionate and engaging Early Childhood Music Teacher to lead music classes for infants and toddlers (ages 0-3). The ideal candidate will create a nurturing, developmentally appropriate musical environment that fosters early learning, bonding, and a lifelong love of music.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Design and deliver age-appropriate music classes for children ages 0-3 years, incorporating songs, movement, rhythm activities, and instrument exploration
- Play guitar, ukulele, and/or piano to accompany songs and activities during classes
- Create a warm, welcoming atmosphere that encourages parent/caregiver participation and bonding
- Adapt activities to meet the developmental needs and attention spans of infants and toddlers
- Select and teach songs that support early language development, motor skills, and social-emotional growth
- Introduce simple rhythm instruments and sensory materials appropriate for young children (all instruments and materials provided)
- Communicate effectively with parents/caregivers about their child's musical development and class activities
- Maintain a safe, clean, and organized classroom environment
- Stay current with early childhood music education best practices and developmental milestones

QUALIFICATIONS & SPECIALIZED SKILLS

- Proficiency in guitar, ukulele, and/or piano
- Experience working with infants and toddlers in an educational or childcare setting
- Understanding of early childhood development and age-appropriate teaching methods
- Strong vocal skills and ability to engage young children through music
- Patience, enthusiasm, and genuine love for working with very young children
- Excellent communication skills with both children and adults

Preferred Qualifications

- Degree or certification in Music Education, Early Childhood Education, or related field
- Training in early childhood music programs (e.g., Musikgarten, First Steps in Music, Kodaly, Music Together, Kindermusik, or similar)

Personal Attributes

- Creative and energetic teaching style
- Warm, nurturing demeanor
- Flexibility and adaptability in working with unpredictable toddler behavior

- Strong interpersonal skills for building relationships with families

SALARY RANGE: \$60 per class

This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive, and Early Childhood Music Teacher will also perform other reasonably related business duties as assigned by its supervisor or other management, as required. The Kaplen JCC reserves the right to revise or change job duties as needs arise. This job description does not constitute a written or implied contract of employment. The Kaplen JCC is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. In keeping with our Jewish values, we are dedicated to a policy of nondiscrimination in employment on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, marital status, citizenship, veteran's status, physical or mental disability that does not prohibit the performance of essential job functions (with or without reasonable accommodation) or any other basis protected by federal, or applicable, state or local law. We welcome everyone interested in our mission to join us. If you require accommodation, please contact us and we will make every effort to meet your needs.

Don't meet every single requirement? Studies have shown that women and people of color are less likely to apply for jobs unless they meet every single qualification. At the Kaplen JCC, we are dedicated to building a diverse, inclusive, and authentic workplace, so if you're excited about these roles but your past experience doesn't align perfectly with every qualification noted above, we encourage you to apply. You may be just the right candidate for this or other positions.

To Apply: Please submit your resume, cover letter highlighting your relevant experience, and references to Emma Brondolo at ebrondolo@jccotp.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.