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Rabbi, Romemu Brooklyn Full-time Position

Romemu Brooklyn Background

Romemu Brooklyn (RB), a partner shul of Romemu Manhattan (RM), seeks a soulful, musical, Jewish spiritual leader and community builder to bring our Brooklyn community to the next level. A powerhouse of teaching, music, voice, and chesed. Romemu, in Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi's words, is "on the growing edge" of Judaism and spiritual practice. We are ecstatic and we are contemplative. We describe ourselves as neo-hasidic, deriving the joy of hasidut in full egalitarianism and inclusivity.

Romemu Brooklyn began as a monthly Kabbalat Shabbat minyan in March 2017 and currently meets one Friday evening and one Shabbat morning each month for services from September through June, led by Romemu's Hazzan/musical director, Basya Schechter, and driven by a strong core of committed volunteers. Over 400 unique individuals have come to services with us multiple times and many have expressed a desire to help Romemu Brooklyn evolve, expand, and reach our potential. We had our first High Holy Days together in 5779/2018 and built on that success in 5780/2019. There have been four RB B Mitzvah to date and four more students are preparing now for their B mitzvah in the first half of 2020. We have been gathering in the Park Slope and Prospect Heights neighborhoods in non-traditional venues as we search for a more permanent space for our growing community.

In September 2019, we hired our first full-time team member, our Administrative & Community Coordinator, to take responsibility for soup-to-nuts operations, volunteer coordination, and the other time-consuming support necessary to maintain and grow our start-up kehillah. The Administrative & Community Coordinator will report to the Rabbi of Romemu Brooklyn who will ultimately be responsible for all aspects of the shul's success.

Role Description

We seek a rabbi to grow our sacred community in range, complexity, and depth. Bima presence and the ability to teach and preach in the style of Romemu are imperative, as are a pleasing voice, laying skills, and the ability to coordinate all aspects of a Romemu service. (Playing a musical instrument at the performance level is not a requirement, but highly desired. Being able to read music and direct instrumentalists as well as other back-up davenners and/or community choir when the Hazzan is not present is also necessary.) Romemu Founding Rabbi David Ingber will be a spiritual mentor and Romemu team members can be resources as we learn and build towards our future.

The Romemu Brooklyn rabbi will be responsible for delivering and/or causing to happen:

- Inspiring song-filled services on Shabbat and haggim. (Growing the number and frequency of services over time.)
- Creative, deep ritual and learning across ages and life stages.
- Development of programming that deepens and enriches our community, in response to and in partnership with community members.
- Pastoral work and life cycle officiating, integrating these interactions into community member journeys.
- Romemu Seekers, our signature B Mitzvah program that welcomes and educates students through this spiritual rite of passage and profoundly connects parents and families to our emerging community, tailored to Brooklyn's needs.
- More and enhanced relationships with current and prospective Romemu Brooklynites.
- Cultivation of a culture of commitment to the sustainability of Romemu Brooklyn - both through a high level of volunteer engagement and through the nurturing of major donors and grassroots givers. (This includes evolving a membership model that works in the context of the changing landscape and developmental stages of Romemu Brooklyn.)
- Leadership of a largely operationally independent Romemu Brooklyn in spiritual alignment with Romemu in Manhattan.

Sacred time will not only be text study, davenning leadership, and bikkur holim, but also coffee chats with curious community members, finding great resources to support learning and other programming, and organization building efforts with lay and professional colleagues.

There is significant room for personal and professional growth and unique expression at Romemu with our yearning and enthusiastic community.

The ideal candidate will possess the passion, talent, skills, dedication, and persistence of an entrepreneur and also work in partnership with the clergy and executive team at Romemu Manhattan to optimize the relationship between our two communities that share core principles.

Are you:

- Inspiring, wise, compassionate, compelling, learned, creative, musical, and joyous about Judaism?
- A superb worship leader with the instincts and ability to read the community's needs at any given moment?
- Someone who derives energy from being with people? Entrepreneurial and passionate about growing and deepening Romemu Brooklyn through people connection and relationship building?
- Mature and possessing the wisdom needed to be the spiritual leader of a diverse kehillah - someone great with all ages and life stages?
- Steeped in yiddishkeit and an insightful darshan?

- Skilled at sourcing and managing gifted, aligned educators/program leaders for amazing youth programming and other needs?
- Strategic, intentional, organized, collaborative, resilient, and resourceful?
- Comfortable cultivating donors and making asks in partnership with dedicated volunteers?
- Up for an exciting challenge, writing the pages of the book as we turn them?

If yes, please send us your expression of interest, resume, and links to your Jewish leadership experience (music, prayer leading, and teaching, as well as any other materials) to brooklynclergysearch@romemu.org with Subject: Romemu BROOKLYN Rabbi Search.

Starting salary range is \$110,000-120,000 plus benefits, commensurate with experience and subject to growth with the community's growth and success.

The first formal responsibilities will be to lead High Holy Days 5781/2020; start date should support sufficient pre-holiday preparation.

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Romemu is a welcoming, experiential, irreverently pious, egalitarian intergenerational Jewish community that elevates and transforms individuals and communities into more compassionate human beings. Romemu was started in 2006 by Rabbi David Ingber, a disciple of Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, and has grown to serve thousands of members and participants at our Manhattan and Brooklyn locations, and thousands more online via livestream. For over a decade, Jewish and non-Jewish spiritual seekers from all walks of life have experienced Romemu and been instantly and forever transformed. Young and old, orthodox and secular, multi-ethnic and intermarried, conservative and liberal, committed and disillusioned, of any and all genders have encountered at Romemu a Judaism they thought could never exist: one that is spiritually alive, intellectually honest, sustainably progressive, embodied, heart-centered, and deeply rooted in Jewish tradition.