



Job Description: Community Relations Director

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About the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans (JFGNO) is the central convener, advocate, and fundraiser for the local Jewish community, supporting programs and services that strengthen both Jewish life and the greater New Orleans community. The Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) serves as its advocacy and social action arm, bringing together all segments of the Jewish community and building partnerships across the region to promote Jewish values and the common good.

Position Summary

JFGNO seeks a visionary, relationship-driven professional to help build a Louisiana where Jewish life thrives and where communities of every faith and background stand together against antisemitism and hate. The Community Relations Director will lead the local implementation of initiatives related to the primary focus areas below, working in partnership with the Jewish Federations of Greater Baton Rouge and Northern Louisiana on certain statewide efforts. The Director will build the partnerships, programs, and infrastructure that strengthen the Jewish community's voice in civic life and establish a lasting foundation for this work.

Primary Focus Areas

1. **Educational Engagement:** Lead the Federation's educational engagement strategy, with a particular focus on Holocaust education.
2. **Interfaith Coalition Building:** Bring faith communities together to strengthen the safety and security of houses of worship.
3. **Antisemitism Prevention & Advocacy:** Work with elected officials and policymakers to establish a statewide antisemitism task force and advance a coordinated framework for preventing antisemitism and hate.
4. **Israel Trade Missions:** Develop and lead missions to Israel and reverse missions bringing Israeli business leaders to New Orleans, and elected officials and business leaders from New Orleans to Israel.

This position is full-time and reports to the Director of Jewish-Multicultural and Governmental Affairs.

Essential Job Functions

K–12 Education

- Map K–12 schools across Greater New Orleans and Baton Rouge to identify key stakeholders, opportunities, and needs.
- Develop and carry out a K–12 engagement strategy that strengthens Holocaust and antisemitism education through lasting school partnerships.
- Partner with the Louisiana Department of Education on a statewide Holocaust education audit and expand educators' access to curricula and professional development.
- Create programs that help students, parents, and educators recognize and respond to antisemitism.

Interfaith Relations & Community Security

- Build and grow a regional interfaith security coalition into a sustainable statewide network.
- Convene faith leaders, public safety officials, and civic partners for trainings, information sharing, and preparedness planning.
- Lead coalition advocacy for state security resources for faith institutions, including legislation and appropriations.

Community Relations & Advocacy

- Represent the Federation in coalitions, meetings, and public forums across Louisiana.
- Build relationships with elected officials, agencies, and policymakers, including stakeholders at the State Capitol, to strengthen public responses to antisemitism.
- Support efforts toward a statewide antisemitism prevention framework, including the formation of a Governor's Task Force on Antisemitism.
- Monitor relevant legislation and policy, and keep leadership and partners informed.

Israel Trade Missions

- Develop and lead trade missions to Israel and reverse missions bringing Israeli business leaders to New Orleans.
- Manage mission planning, logistics, and programming.
- Maintain relationships with participants after each mission to create lasting collaboration and economic exchange.

Statewide Partnership & Program Management

- Work with the Baton Rouge and Northern Louisiana Federations to advance shared goals around Holocaust Education and Interfaith Coalition building.
- Build systems to track relationships, activities, and progress toward five-year goals.
- Manage program budgets, timelines, partners, and deliverables.

Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree.
- 5+ years of professional experience in community relations, nonprofit, government, education, advocacy, or a related field.
- A proven ability to build relationships and work effectively with stakeholders across sectors, communities, and perspectives.
- A warm, personable presence and the ability to quickly build trust and rapport with people from all walks of life.
- Strong project management skills, including managing multiple initiatives, budgets, timelines, and deliverables at once.
- Excellent written and verbal communication, including facilitation, presentations, and public speaking.
- Knowledge of Jewish history and the New Orleans Jewish community.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office and standard communications tools.
- Ability to travel throughout Louisiana, occasionally out of state, and to work some evenings and weekends.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience in education, such as classroom teaching, curriculum development, school administration, or an education-focused nonprofit.
- Established relationships with educators, faith leaders, or elected officials in Louisiana are a plus. The supervisor will make key introductions, but the Director should be able to turn them into strong, lasting partnerships.
- Experience with Holocaust education, antisemitism, interfaith work, community security, or public policy.
- Experience planning delegations, missions, or large-scale convenings.
- Master's degree in a related field.

What You Need to Succeed

- An entrepreneurial self-starter who can build initiatives and relationships from the ground up.
- A natural connector who is energized by bringing people together.
- Confidence representing the Federation in public, professional, and political settings.
- An organized, reliable approach that keeps many priorities moving at once.
- A collaborative team player at ease with donors, volunteers, community leaders, and officials.

What We'll Help You Learn

You don't need to be an expert on day one. The Federation will introduce you to elected officials, faith leaders, and other key partners, and you'll be expected to take those connections and grow them into lasting relationships. We'll also provide training and mentorship in community security

practices, Louisiana's legislative and advocacy landscape, Holocaust education resources, and Israel engagement.

Compensation & Benefits

- Salary range of \$75,000–\$85,000.
- An excellent benefits package, including health insurance, 401(k), and vacation and sick leave.

How to Apply

Please send a cover letter, resume, and professional references to aaron@jewishnola.org.