



Kol Shalom, Community for Humanistic Judaism
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Choir Organizer/Director Position Opening

Jewish Humanist Choir Director Position Opening

Kol Shalom, Community for Humanistic Judaism (www.kolshalom.org) is seeking to develop Portland metro area choir that would learn and perform Jewish music from a humanistic perspective. The working name for the new organization is the Portland Metro Jewish Humanist Choir (PMJHC)

There is a large body of Jewish choral music, ranging from traditional songs to modern Israeli pieces that do not involve worship but instead reflect humanistic values of peace, justice, love and hopes for the future. These works would constitute the bulk of the PMJHC repertoire.

We envision monthly practices, held at the Kol Shalom Center in Hillsdale, and occasional performances in the metro area, including some performances at Kol Shalom observances such as the High Holidays.

Kol Shalom is seeking an individual who would publicize and recruit singers and instrumental accompanists from the metro area to join the Choir, and then direct the Choir. Once the Choir is formed, job responsibilities for the director would include preparing material for the practices, leading them, communicating with choir members, arranging for public performance dates and leading those performances.

Remuneration of up to \$500 would be made to the director for the initial solicitation and organizing phase of the Choir, and then individual payments of up to \$125 per month would be made for months that have either rehearsals or performances. There would be no charge for participants in the Choir.

Qualifications for the position include teaching/leading a choir, leadership ability and some familiarity with Jewish music.

Kol Shalom is a welcoming organization.

Persons interested in this Director position should contact:

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