Position: Director, Educational Innovation  
Status: Full-time, Exempt  
Reports to: Marc Wolf, Chief Program and Strategy Officer  
Department: Educational Innovation  
Location: New York City or remote  
Date: July 2024

ABOUT PRIZMAH

Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools is the network for Jewish day schools across North America. We partner with day schools, yeshivas, philanthropists, and communities from all denominations, helping them grow their reach and impact and tackle the challenges on their paths to success.

Educating our children is the most important investment we can make in their future. Jewish day schools inspire and nurture young people, prepare them for remarkable and meaningful lives, and enable them to thrive.

Prizmah enhances the ability of schools to excel. Prizmah is building networks for schools and their supporters to connect, learn, and drive impact — deepening talent by investing in professional and lay leaders; catalyzing resources to generate funding for schools to flourish; and accelerating educational innovation, to foster teaching and learning opportunities that empower students.

At Prizmah, we see what is possible for Jewish day schools, and we’re passionate about making that vision a reality.

POSITION SUMMARY

Educational excellence drives the value proposition of schools, and inspires investment from parents, funders, and communities. At Jewish day schools, the depth of Jewish knowledge, identity, and values-based education are central to their missions. Successful schools share a foundation of strong school culture, excellence in Judaics teaching and learning, and a clear Jewish and educational identity.

Prizmah works with educational leaders to develop and articulate a Jewish vision for their schools, foster strong school cultures, and enhance teaching and learning of Judaics.

The Director of Educational Innovation will support the field of Jewish day schools and yeshivas by developing programs and services in the core content areas of Educational Innovation and
identifying trends in Jewish and general education. The director will create and deliver professional development opportunities that address both pedagogy and content. The director will serve as a resource for school leaders and develop relationships with them to ascertain the needs of the field, while working with Prizmah colleagues in areas such as school assessment, accreditations and thought leadership.

**CORE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**The Prizmah Network – Relationship Management**

- Develop and maintain relationships with educational leaders in Prizmah Network schools.
- In partnership with Prizmah team members, design programs and learning opportunities for Jewish day school and yeshiva teachers and leaders, connecting them to valuable resources and to each other.
- Serve as a bridge between the field and Prizmah, seeing and identifying trends in Jewish and general education and developing programs and services to support the field of Jewish day schools.
- Manage and support the virtual network of school leaders through the Prizmah Reshet Groups.

**Direct and Develop Programs for the Field and Schools**

- Work with the internal Prizmah team to develop dynamic, relevant programs and services that foster school culture and mental health and wellness, expand excellence in teaching and learning, and support school leaders on articulating their vision of the Jewish aspects of Jewish day schools.
- Serve as a resource for the Prizmah Network of schools and communities by traveling to schools and communities to offer programs and services.
- Develop relationships and partner with school leaders and teachers to plan and implement professional development programming that seeks to advance a school’s educational vision.
- Serve as a mentor and instructor in Prizmah programs and work with the teams developing programs.
- Provide thought leadership and public presence for the field of Jewish day schools through written pieces, digital media and participation in conferences and gatherings of field leaders.

**Prizmah Services**

- Work together with the Prizmah Services team on scopes of work and provide consulting in areas that may include accreditations, leadership search, community and school-specific initiatives.
- Lead and support Prizmah work in schools by serving as a consultant on specific aspects of strategic initiatives in schools.
EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate for this position will bring:

- Experience in working in a Jewish day school or yeshiva as a teacher and/or administrator.
- Experience working in areas of school programming that could include training teacher teams, differentiation, blended learning, social and emotional learning, pedagogy around Judaics and Hebrew.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to work independently within established guidelines and to meet frequent deadlines.
- Outgoing personality to create relationships with colleagues in the field.
- Self-starter and team-player
- Excellent organizational skills for managing many projects simultaneously.
- Ability to work effectively and collaboratively with professional staff.
- Ability to deliver workshops both in person and in a remote format.
- When possible, there will be an expectation of some travel each month for this position.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Prizmah offers an excellent benefits package that includes comprehensive health insurance with a range of plans to select from, matching contributions to 401k, flexible spending accounts, vacation and sick time, and parental leave.
- Prizmah is committed to and supports individual and professional development.
- Early close on Fridays for Shabbat and on the Erev (eve) of other Jewish holidays. Closed for Jewish Holidays.
- Flexible hours.
- A work environment that prioritizes building a strong work-place culture. We value learning and professional development. You will be a part of a great team that cares deeply about the work we do and each other.
- Competitive salary in the non-profit field in the range of $100,000 - $119,000. Prizmah’s salary ranges are based on education, experience, and skill set required for each role. If your salary expectations are different and/or you have more experience than required, let’s talk.

Prizmah is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from all individuals. We value and are committed to advancing diversity, equity, perspective, inclusion, justice, and experience brought by people from all backgrounds. We strive for our team to reflect the diverse community we serve. Prizmah provides equal employment opportunities to all applicants and employees without regard to race, color, sex, pregnancy, veteran status, marital status, age, national origin or ancestry, citizenship, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, neurodiversity, any other consideration made unlawful by applicable federal, state, or local laws. In addition, the organization affirmatively seeks to advance the principles of equal employment opportunity as it applies to all policies and procedures relating to recruitment and hiring, compensation, benefits, termination, and all other terms and conditions of employment.
To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to employment@prizmah.org. Please include the job title, Director, Educational Innovation in the subject line.