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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE KOLOT CHAYEINU/VOICES OF OUR LIVES INTERIM RABBI JOB OPPORTUNITY

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TIMING / DEADLINES

When is the final deadline to apply for the interim rabbi position for 5778/5779?

October 15, 2017. It is possible the deadline will be extended, and if so, that information will be updated on our website.

When will you be conducting interviews?

Candidates will be interviewed on a rolling basis through January 2018.

When will you be deciding on an interim rabbi?

We hope to hire an Interim Rabbi by February 2018, with a scheduled start date of July 1, 2018.

When will the application be open for the settled rabbi position?

We expect to share this job posting in Fall 2018.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS/MATERIALS

What materials are needed to apply for the interim rabbi position for 5778/5779?

Cover letter, CV, list of 3 references that can be contacted and a writing sample.

Can I apply if I am a member of Kolot Chayeinu?

Kolot members are not eligible for the Interim Rabbi position. No determination has yet been made about the Settled Rabbi position.

I'm a rabbi in ____ movement, can I apply?

Yes! Kolot is a non-denominational, independent congregation and rabbis ordained by any recognized seminary from the Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Reform, Renewal and Interdenominational movements of Judaism are eligible to apply.

I'm an interdenominational rabbi, can I apply?

Yes! See above.

In addition to being a rabbi, I have training/background in another faith tradition. Can I apply?

Yes! See above.

I have not been an interim rabbi before. Can I apply?

All interested candidates are encouraged to apply, however, Kolot is strongly interested in retaining an Interim Rabbi with prior experience serving as an Interim Rabbi and one who has led an organization through transition.”

Will I be expected to lead a service as part of the application process? Do you know when that would be?

Our finalist candidate will be asked to join Kolot for some role over a Shabbat. This will likely be in January or February 2018..

Will RSC members be dropping in on services at my current congregation to observe me?

No. Kolot is not visiting other congregations to see Interim Rabbi Candidates in their other posts.

My congregation does not know I am looking. How will you protect confidentiality so my congregants do not find out before I am ready to tell them?

Applications are confidential to Kolot’s Rabbinic Search Committee and our process. Kolot will not be visiting congregations where applicants are currently employed (see above). If you are interested to apply and have additional confidentiality issues, such as with contacting references, please note this in your application materials.

What if I live in another state, will I need to fly in for an interview?

Kolot will provide travel support to candidates from outside the NYC area who are being seriously considered.

Is this for a one or two year position?

The Interim Rabbi will serve a one-year term with the possibility of extension as needed. At present, Kolot is planning the position will last just one-year.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Who will be my point of contact for the application process?

A designated member of our Rabbinic Search Committee will be in touch with all candidates who are being considered.

Can I talk to someone on the phone about my interest in this position?

We are not accepting phone inquiries at this time.

How can I learn more about Kolot Chayeinu?

Please visit our website: www.kolotchayeinu.org, follow us on Twitter ([@kolotchayeinu](https://twitter.com/kolotchayeinu)) or find us on Facebook (Facebook.com/[kolotchayeinu](https://www.facebook.com/kolotchayeinu) and Facebook.com/[Rabbi-Ellen-Lippmann](https://www.facebook.com/Rabbi-Ellen-Lippmann)).

We invite you to join us for Shabbat services every Saturday morning at 10:30am at 1012 Eighth Avenue in Park Slope (between 10th and 11th Streets), Brooklyn.