

A. MITCHELL AND MORRISE MEYER BELL RABBINIC/CANTORIAL INTERNSHIP

June 3 – August 8, 2025 (*dates flexible*)



Are you looking for an exciting summer opportunity that will give you invaluable rabbinic and/or cantorial experience, while receiving ongoing rabbinic support? Do you want to employ your skills and knowledge in a way that will make a tremendous impact on the lives of others? Is being part of a dynamic team of Jewish professionals, who apply Judaism in unique and creative ways, important to you? If your answer is “Yes,” then the **Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life’s A. Mitchell and Morrise Meyer Bell Rabbinic/Cantorial Internship** may just be the summer opportunity you have been looking for.

As an Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) Rabbinic or Cantorial Intern, you will become part of a team that is reshaping the Jewish professional landscape with an innovative approach to the challenges faced by isolated and underserved congregations in the Southern United States. In addition to enriching everyday Jewish life for these small communities who have limited access to rabbinic guidance, you will assist the ISJL Director of Spirituality in establishing greater interfaith, intergenerational, and interracial dialogue. Through these efforts, you will help these historic communities continue to play a significant role in American Jewish life for years to come.

Specifically, the Rabbinic or Cantorial Intern will:

- Travel throughout the Southern U.S., visiting communities without full-time clergy support.
- Lead a variety of services (Shabbat, Holiday Observances, etc.) in a variety of environments.
- Create and implement education materials (e.g., Torah study).
- Write insightful sermons as part of the ISJL's Taste of Torah series.
- Provide pastoral care in homes, nursing facilities, and hospitals.
- Take an important role in the ISJL’s annual Southern & Jewish Conference (June 22-24).
- Address and participate with interfaith groups, representing the ISJL & the Jewish community.
- Join the Director of Spirituality in officiating life-cycle events.
- Serve as a role model to those who do not have ongoing exposure to Jewish professionals.

Board of Directors

Board Chair

Stephen Libowsky
Chicago, IL

Vice Chair

Leon Rittenberg, III
Metairie, LA

Secretary

Monica Lizka-Miller
San Antonio, TX

Treasurer

Andrea Levy
Oxford, MS

Immediate Past Chair

Jay Hesdorffer
Sarasota, FL

Jack C. Benjamin, Jr.
Metairie, LA

Imogene Berman
Dallas, TX

Beverly Bonnheim
Dallas, TX

Pepe Prince Finn
Clayton, MO

Charlett Frumin
Sugar Land, TX

Joe Herzog
Frederick, MD

Sally Schneider Huebscher
Lexington, MA

Brad Lapidus
Huntsville, AL

Morris Lewis
Caldwell, NJ

Margaret Meyer
New Orleans, LA

Scott Miller
Dallas, TX

Robert Roubey
Chapel Hill, NC

Rachel Reagler Schulman
Highland Park, IL

Spencer Simons
Sharon, MA

Rayman L. Solomon
Philadelphia, PA

Joseph Stein, Jr.
New York, NY

Jay Tanenbaum
Atlanta, GA

Kathryn Wiener*
Jackson, MS

Mary L. Wiener
New York, NY

Kenny Zadeck
Chappaqua, NY

CEO

Michele Schipper

President Emeritus

Macy B. Hart

*Emeritus

What You Will Gain:

This position is ideal for a creative, flexible, practical idealist, who desires to work hard and gain experience in religious leadership within the congregational, educational, and organizational components of Jewish life. Through this energizing summer internship, you will establish important contacts with other Jewish professionals as well as gain invaluable skills – in mentorship with the ISJL Director of Spirituality – that will help shape your rabbinate or cantorate for years to come.

The stipend is \$6,000. This position is based in Jackson, Miss., and the ISJL will assist the intern in securing reasonable accommodation during your time in Jackson. Please note both that the position will require occasional driving on Shabbat and that it is very difficult to maintain a strictly hechshered kosher diet in the rural South. The Director of Spirituality is happy to answer any questions candidates have about ritual observance.

Please send your resume and a letter of interest to Rabbi Salem Pearce at spearce@isjl.org.