



## **Impact Boston 2012 Group Educator Job Description** **Monday, June 18 – Monday July 23, 2012**

**Impact Boston**, a partnership between Brandeis University and BBYO, is a two-week residential Jewish service learning program. Approximately 150 high school students from across America will come to Brandeis for one of two sessions, June 24 - July 5 and July 9 – July 20

The Site Project is the core of Impact Boston. Participants will be sub-divided into 10 teams, comprised of 10 teens and 1 Group Educator. Each team will be assigned to a specific non-profit organization (the Partner Site) for the duration of Impact Boston. During 5 - 7 visits to the Site, the teams will:

- **experience** the behind-the-scenes operation of their organization
- **serve** the client population and infrastructure of the organization
- **learn** about the issues that the organization works to address
- **observe** the structures and dynamics of the organization and its client population

In addition to the Site Projects, participants will engage in educational workshops, text study, personal and group reflection, guest speakers, trips around the Boston area and community Shabbat celebration.

The **Group Educator** is the key staffing position on the program, charged with the task of helping the teens integrate all of their various experiences into a deeper understanding of social action and service. The Group Educator will be responsible for:

- helping the staff of the non-profit Partner Site facilitate the participants' experience;
- guiding participants to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the complexities of their site work;
- leading "Connections" sessions, in which Jewish texts are used to stimulate reflection and discussion on the group's site experience;
- living in the dorms with the participants (in a private room), and helping maintain a staff presence in the dorms and dining hall;
- partnering with and supporting other staff (Madrachim) who share residential life duties;
- working with participants and other staff to create meaningful Shabbat experiences;
- attending a 6-day staff orientation/training.

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The ideal Group Educator will meet most, if not all, of these criteria:

- have a university degree and a few years of work experience;
- have a passion for service and social action;
- have experience in service and social action;
- be open to multiple expressions of Judaism;
- be comfortable in a diverse Jewish environment;
- be experienced and comfortable working with teens, even in challenging situations;
- have experience as a Jewish educator, including text study (in English, although Hebrew text skills are a plus);
- be ready to work hard, have fun and learn a lot!

The Impact Boston work environment is intense, challenging, supportive and rewarding. We believe that summer staff come to grow and learn as much as teen participants do.

The position runs from Monday, June 18 – Monday July 23, 2012, including staff orientation and debrief. Compensation includes full room and board for the full period.

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