

Duties of Cremorne Synagogue rabbi

The Rabbi is responsible to the Board of the synagogue for the performance of his duties.

Hours of work are flexible but are nominally 37.5 hours a week. There may be scope for the Rabbi to engage in a limited amount of other paid work (e.g. teaching Jewish Studies or Hebrew at a Jewish day school) but only with the written consent of the Board.

The Rabbi will be the Minister of a Modern Orthodox and Zionist congregation. The Rabbi will provide spiritual leadership and give guidance to the community as a whole in matters relating to traditional Jewish Law and practice.

Similar guidance will be provided to individual members of the community as appropriate and when requested by them. The Rabbi must display tolerance and understanding of the religious attitude of individual congregants whilst maintaining the standards set for the congregation.

The Rabbi will guide religious services and officiate at these services as required, as no other person is employed to conduct such services, except on the Yamim Noraim. The Rabbi must therefore either conduct all aspects of the services himself or delegate some tasks to other congregants whom he deems capable of conducting them.

The Rabbi will officiate at weddings, bnei mitzvah, funerals, and tombstone consecrations.

The Rabbi will attend shiva and shloshim services and visit congregants who are unwell.

The Rabbi will arrange and conduct adult education programmes as required by the community.

The Rabbi will develop programmes with the aim of encouraging children of congregants to participate in communal activities and work with others as approved by the Board to develop such activities.

The Rabbi will invite congregants to his home for Friday night, Shabbat lunch, Seder nights and Yamim Tovim. The aim should be that each congregant receive at least one invitation per year. The Rabbi should also issue invitations to potential members of the Synagogue and to Shomrei Shabbat guests.

As the Synagogue Succah adjoins the Rabbi's house, the Rabbi will host dinner in the Succah on Erev Succot and invite congregants for Kiddush in the Succah following the services.

The Rabbi will make every effort to grow the community by identifying and targeting potential new members, inviting these people to the Synagogue and to his home and encouraging them to join the Synagogue.

The Rabbi will help organise social and cultural functions for members of the shul and the wider community, including on chagim.

The Rabbi will ensure that any of his students for Bar and Bat-Mitzvah will have their ceremonies at the Synagogue and encourage their parents to become members of the Synagogue. He will also encourage any of his students who are converting to Judaism to join the Synagogue on completion of their studies.

The Rabbi will keep an eye on the Synagogue and report any suspicious activity to the Communal Security Group or the police as appropriate. He will make himself available where possible to permit entry to the premises for tradesmen, kosher caterers and other external persons who have to attend the premises. He will advise the Board promptly of any maintenance issues in the premises that require attention.

The Rabbi will liaise with other Rabbis and the Beth Din on matters affecting Sydney Jewry and Cremorne Synagogue. The Rabbi will represent the Synagogue and the community to local and non-Jewish community groups, schools, cultural groups, etcetera.

The Rabbi will work with various communal care providers and arrange for these providers to help members where necessary.

In particular the rabbi is responsible for

- leading and organising all services: Shabbat, Festivals, Yamim Noraim, Monday morning minyan, special event services
- presenting drashas and education during services
- Leining
- Teaching the congregation to pray and participate in the service
- Encouraging children to participate,
- Welcoming and making congregants feel at ease in the service
- Blowing the shofar
- Planning the services
- Guiding and encouraging congregational participation in the services
- Co-operating with the Board to structure the services
- Organising the acquisition of prayer books and books in consultation with the Board

Further information

For further information about the position please email rodney.hyman@rhvaluations.com.

Applications

Applications (including resumes) should be sent to President@cremornesynagogue.com