



Help Wanted!

Making others feel happy and welcome and helping to preserve and share our history...that truly embodies the meaning of being a JHSM volunteer.

We invite you to join JHSM on our journey as we grow and continue to explore new avenues and pathways. We need volunteers who like to work with people and who want to join our tour program as docents or navigators. We need volunteers who are skilled writers and editors who want to work with us on our fantastic Journal, Michigan Jewish History. We need volunteers who are quiet but like to spend time around a table stuffing envelopes or sorting files. We need volunteers who are interested in technology and can help us capitalize on the opportunities today's technology affords. We need volunteers who are connected and can help us raise funds for specific projects.

Whatever your skill or talent, we would love to meet you and invite you to get to know us. Click [here](#) for a list of some of our volunteer jobs. Don't be shy... Come and make history with us by becoming a JHSM volunteer.

Project leader: Youth Tour Volunteer Coordinator

The Jewish Historical Society of MI conducts Youth Tours of historic Jewish Detroit. The tours are for 5-7th graders and include a few stops during which re-enactors meet the kids. This position is a wonderful opportunity for a young adult interested in theater to build his or her resume or a retired thespian who loves to work with kids. The (volunteer) job description includes:

1. Help identify volunteers to train and role play the characters (probably three different individuals who will be portrayed)
2. Help write the scripts and train the re-enactors
3. Work with JHSM office to schedule re-enactors for Youth Tours (approximately 4 – 5 times/year)

Tour docents and navigators

As word of JHSM's expertise spreads, our tours are becoming more popular than ever. We conduct several dozen bus tours a year, from large public events such as our Settlers to Citizens tours of historic Jewish Detroit to our Youth Tours and private, family tours. Docents are valued members of our volunteer team and help JHSM sustain our mission to share and celebrate Michigan's Jewish history. If you have an interest in history, enjoy speaking to groups of between 20 and 50 people, we'd love to include you in our training programs.

The (volunteer) job description includes:

1. Participate in a JHSM training program and ride along on as many tours as possible to become comfortable and familiar with our tours.
2. Once familiar with the tour content, we hope that our docents help adapt scripts and routes to suit the particular tour objectives.
3. Lead or co-lead at least 2 tours per year.

Office help

Once in a while, JHSM needs an extra pair of hands to help organize, copy tour packets or stuff a mailing. If you are interested, please give us a call!

Jcycle - Docents

This fantastic event, now in its third year, is exploring a 14-mile area of NW Detroit. Participants are divided into groups of about 40, then ride - with group leaders - along a carefully planned route. There will be eight stops at which riders will pause and listen to JHSM docents talk about the history of that location and area. JHSM volunteers write the scripts and help train the docents.

If you are interested in the history of NW Detroit and would like to learn more, please consider being a docent for us on Sunday August 18 (morning).

The (volunteer) job description includes:

1. You will be assigned a location and a script in advance. We ask that you learn the script and be comfortable with it so that you are not "reading" on August 18.
2. You will be given an arrival time and exact details of your location. A JCycle volunteer will meet you at your stop to provide you with water and a microphone.
3. Once the last group comes by your location, we invite you to join us in Palmer Park for lunch.

Jcycle – Planning team 2014

The JCycle team is looking to add new members to our planning team. For those with energy and ideas, we want you! You can help us plan and execute the event...from picnic planners to volunteer coordinators to bike route designers and fund raisers. Join us! This is a dynamic and fun group committed to helping educate fellow Michiganders about all of the wonderful things happening in and around Detroit.

Join a committee!

JHSM has many standing committees with members who are eager to welcome new members and participants. Your role can be as small or large as you choose. Ask us about these teams:

- Tour planning
- Events and Programming
- Yearbook Collection

Becoming a JHSM volunteer is easy! Fill out our volunteer profile form or email us or call the office!

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