



## **GrowTorah Garden Educator**

Part-Time Beginning August 2026

Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School, located in Skokie, Illinois, is seeking a GrowTorah Garden Educator to join our team for the 2026-27 school year to conduct weekly Torah garden classes for students and maintain the operation of the Hillel Torah GrowTorah garden.

The ideal candidate is a passionate Jewish educator with love and commitment to Torah and *mitzvot*, and an interest in environmental Torah values. The candidate should be organized, have strong communication skills, be a fast learner, and have a desire and ability to bring joy and excitement to the garden program.

### **Hours:**

Approximately 4-5 hours per week of instruction and maintenance during the school year, as well as summer maintenance of the garden.

### **Qualifications:**

- Summer camp or classroom experience
- Fluent in Hebrew text and comfortable teaching these texts
- Capable of medium-level manual labor
- Self-starter with the ability to work collaboratively to accomplish goals
- Organized, upbeat, and flexible

### **Teaching Responsibilities:**

- Guide students through the planting, cultivation, and maintenance of the garden through a Torah lens
- Prepare and teach weekly Torah garden lessons to students using the GrowTorah curriculum and your own creativity
- Attend GrowTorah's training (July 27-30th in Teaneck)
- Attend GrowTorah's monthly workshop Zoom calls, bi-weekly coaching calls, and participate in the group chat
- Communicate with GrowTorah coach for assistance and guidance

### **Gardening Responsibilities:**

- Ensure the garden is properly prepped before and cleaned up after classes
- Handle and store all garden tools and equipment safely
- Support year-round garden health, including soil fertility, composting, crop rotation, garden planning, pruning, irrigation, and pest and disease management
- Maintain facilities and equipment in good working order, including tools, tool shed, and irrigation system

### **Management and Communication Responsibilities:**

- Maintain effective communication with GrowTorah staff, school staff, and other school garden educators

- Participate in GrowTorah staff meetings and professional development work

**Physical Requirements and Working Conditions:**

- Ability to stand, stoop, reach, bend, and stand for long periods, lift, push, and/or pull objects that may weigh approximately 50 pounds
- Willingness to smell, taste, and feel plants to enhance lessons
- Work outdoors in varying weather conditions
- Ability to work with frequent interruptions and simultaneously supervise a variety of tasks
- Work with and in the proximity of equipment with moving mechanical parts
- May be required to work around loud noise

**About GrowTorah:** GrowTorah curates educational garden experiences that help participants explore relevant Jewish values and Torah lessons, and learn the fundamentals of gardening and land stewardship. The Torah lessons interwoven with the educational garden experiences inspire participants to navigate the complex relationships between humans, their fellow creatures, and the earth, and encourage participants to connect with these values in powerful and personally meaningful ways.

**About Hillel Torah:** We are a dynamic and innovative Modern Orthodox day school preparing the Jewish leaders of tomorrow. Our progressive, child-centered approach promotes academic excellence in both general and religious studies. We encourage our students to develop a life-long commitment to learning, the Jewish people, and the global community.

**To apply:** Send resume and cover letter to [resumes@hilleltorah.org](mailto:resumes@hilleltorah.org).